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SSC Special Olympics seeks volunteers now

The annual Stennis Space Center Special Olympics needs volunteers to work with athletes at its April 3 games. For more, call Mary Jones at 688-5179.

Diamondhead Women Spring Art Fling April 4

Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its 10th Annual Spring Art Fling on Sunday, April 4, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. Many of the leading artists in the area will display their work. Admission is \$1 and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and the Alzheimer's Foundation. For more, call 255-4458.

Valena C. Jones wants you to 'Pack a Pew'

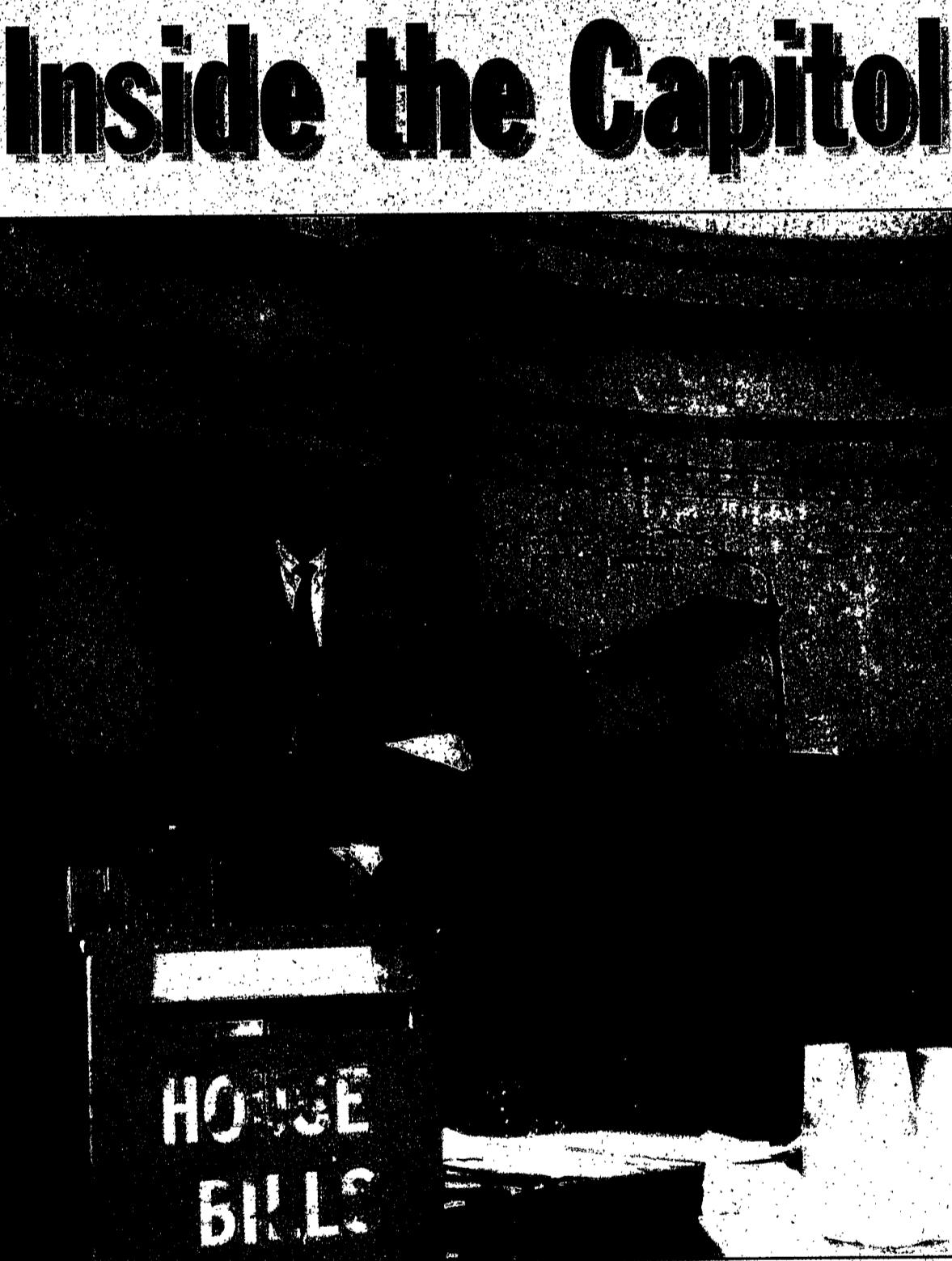
Valena C. Jones UMC, at 248 Sycamore St. in Bay St. Louis invites you to its "Pack a Pew" program today at 3 p.m.

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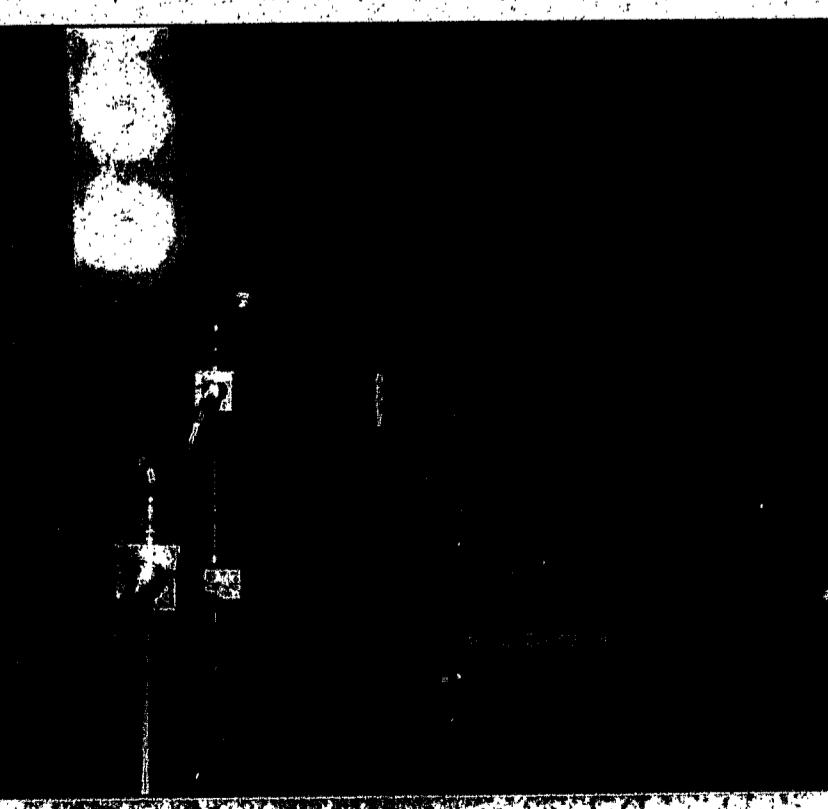
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Inside the Capitol



Speaker Pro-Tem J.P. Comprettat the podium in the House Chamber this week in Jackson. The legislature will be in session until May 9. Below: Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and Councilman Tom Favre were also visitors at the capital this week, checking on the bill for the MOST tax, proposed by the Mississippi Municipal League. It had not come up at the House Ways and Means Committee as of Thursday.



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our state capital at Jackson you should consider doing so. Especially during the legislative session, which ends this year on May 9, I guarantee that it will be an experience to remember. But don't expect to just sneak in and take a look around because the people up at the capital treat visitors

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Murder victims' identities verified

Man, woman found buried at Lower Bay were from Pearl River

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Autopsies performed Wednesday by Dr. Paul McGarry and investigative information have led to the identification of two murder victims found in a shallow grave near Clermont Harbor last week, Sheriff Steve Garber said.

Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt identified the two as Steve Bossier, 42, and Melissa Polk, 26, both of Pearl River, Louisiana.

"Since the bodies were discovered by the new property owners of the 13 acre site on Lower Bay Road, sheriff's investigators have been working around the clock interviewing

MURDER--PAGE 7A



echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
The bodies of Steve Bossier, 42, and Melissa Polk, 26, both of Pearl River, La., were recovered from this shallow grave on private property near Clermont Harbor last Sunday.

Hundreds ready for Sr. Games

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A large number of Hancock County residents will be joining residents from Harrison and Jackson Counties to compete in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games, according to John Impson of Bay St. Louis.

More than 500 senior athletes age 50 and older are expected to participate in the inaugural Senior Games,

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Artist finds emotion in nature



the weather. I cannot be just the observer. I feel and almost taste them as they grow. There is a vitality and energy that hits in waves much as the humidity and heat pummels the senses. The raw nature of the storms and the always encroaching water seeps, seethes and smashes its way into my consciousness. I have not been able to ignore that demand.

Echo: What do you like most about this work and why?

Crane: I like the emotion and movement that really conveys the power I feel on the Coast.

Echo: Why did you choose to talk about this particular artwork?

Crane: My painting shows the ferocity, movement and raw beauty of the surroundings: the rain, the wind, the storm and the voracious growth of diverse life springing forth so vio-

CREA JUIC

This art series features one piece of work by the artist and reveals the art behind that work. This work, Crane discusses the inspiration for the artwork, which is unique.

Artists interested in works featured should contact Jenkins at 228-467-5477 or rsjecho@yahoo.com.

lently it overpowers all that is around it.

Echo: What did you hope to accomplish for the general viewer with this work?

Crane: I wanted to accomplish a feeling. I wanted people to see this

and understand the power in such a peaceful place. People look at nature and they don't always experience the emotion. I wanted to put that emotion out there so others could experience it like I have.

SUSAN CRANE

- Painter
- Resident of Bay St. Louis
- Native of Alexandria, Va.

Echo: Where did the inspiration for this piece come from?

Crane: This comes from the feelings I get from experiencing the plant life and

Wellman joins in request for investigation

U.S. PET Resin Producers Coalition announces petitions seeking unfair trade relief involving imports of PET bottle resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand

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The U.S. PET Resin Producers Coalition filed

petitions recently with the United States Department of Commerce and the United States International Trade Commission requesting that the agencies investigate the Coalition's allegations of unfair international trade practices by PET bottle resin producers in India, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand.

The petitions include

dumping claims against producers in India, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand.

The countervailing duty assertions claim that the Indian and Thai industries have been unfairly subsidized by their respective Governments.

Central to Petitioners' injury claims is the fact that the producers in the subject countries are selling PET resin to the United States at prices that are well below their own fully loaded costs.

The prices of these import sales do not reflect the substantial cost increases for raw materials that constitute the major cost for all PET resin producers worldwide.

The Department of Commerce will investigate the claims of dumping and subsidization.

The International Trade Commission will investigate issues pertaining to injury and threat to the domestic industry by reason of the unfairly traded imports.

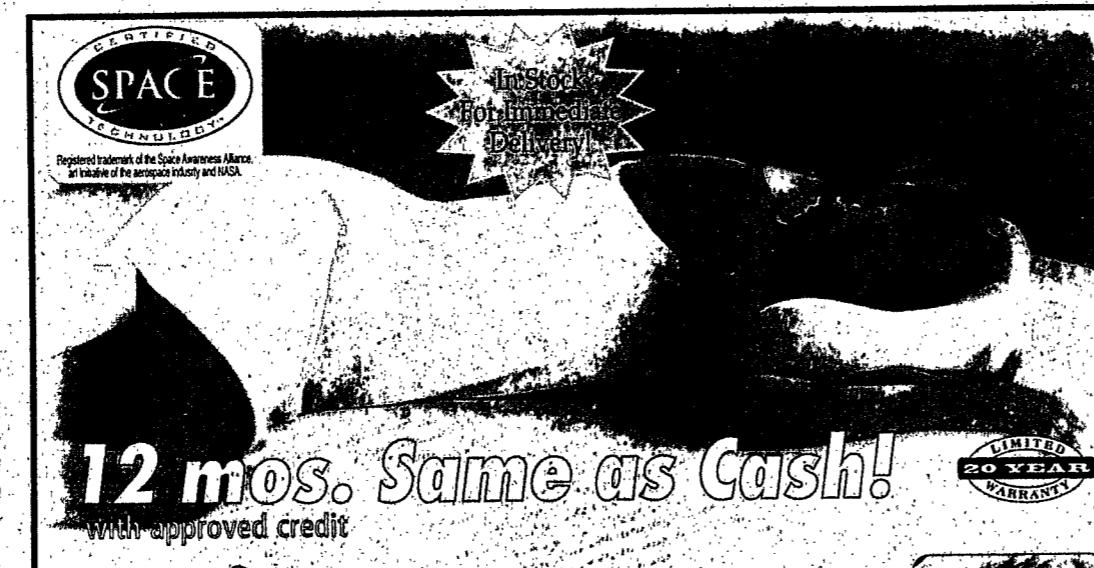
Petitioning members of the U.S. PET coalition are: DAK Americas, LLC, NanYa Plastics Corporation America, Voridian, a Division of Eastman Chemical Company and Wellman Inc.

Inquiries concerning the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions should be addressed to Counsel for the United States PET Resin Producers Coalition, Michael A. Hertzberg or Juliana Cofrancesco at Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP. E-mail hertzbergm@howrey.com or cofrancescoj@howrey.com or telephone (202) 383-6527 or (202) 383-7252.

Boil water notice lifted

Local officials and Steve Jones, spokesperson for the water system, today lifted the boil water notice for people who live in White Cypress Lakes Subdivision and get their water from the system no longer need to boil water prior to consumption.

Users were first advised to boil their drinking water March 19. Multiple tests performed by the Mississippi state Department of Health Laboratory indicate the water now meets the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Law.



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- Alfred C. Godfrey, 61, contempt of court
- Donald Dilley, 44, grand larceny
- Malise E. Draughon, 21, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Robert C. Fulton, 48, no insurance, false information to police, suspended driver's license, simple possession marijuana
- George W. Jones III, 22, simple assault (domestic)
- John E. Renfro, 19, simple assault
- Edmond M. Thompson, 46, DUI (2nd), driving on suspended driver's license
- Todd T. Sprenger, 21, possession of marijuana while operating motor vehicle, speeding, no insurance, seat belt violation, contempt of court (failure to pay), aggravated assault with
- driving on suspended driver's license
- Marcel E. Anderson, 64, DUI (1st)
- Alfred J. Stoufflet, 49, DUI (1st), improper equipment
- German M. Garcia, 53, public drunk, disturbance of peace
- Michael A. Herbert, 29, simple assault, receiving stolen property
- Dawn L. Graham, 39, suspended driver's license, contempt of court (no insurance)
- Kenneth Hoda, 35, child support
- James Harris, 30, hold for Harrison County
- James A. Geoffrey, 24, public intoxication
- Shannon D. Tobler, 33, false identifying information, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Bruce M. Dewees, 46, no driver's license, no proof of insurance, seat belt violation, possession of paraphernalia, disregard for traffic
- Wayne T. Wadel III, 18, aggravated assault with
- Quincy Williams, 32, possession of marijuana while operating motor vehicle, speeding, resisting arrest, improper equipment, no driver's license
- William Jesse Pursley, 25, possession of controlled substance (marijuana)
- Kenneth Carver, 26, sale of controlled substance
- Amanda Mooney, 19, contempt of court
- Johan Backe, 78, petit larceny
- Amie Marie Falgout, 32, simple assault (domestic)
- Burke A. Bergeron Jr., 57, simple assault (domestic)
- Ronald L. Thomas, 26, contempt of court
- Stephen Ray Pullens, 40, contempt of court
- Michael M. Speed, 48, contempt of court (failure to appear), driving on suspended driver's license, speeding
- Michael J. McCray, 25, DUI (other substance)
- Derrick Benoit, 19, commercial burglary
- Mark C. Saucier, 27, felony bad checks

Firearm Safety



Mississippi Highway Patrolman Shelby Smith III, assigned to Hancock County for the past 10 years, accepts the gun safety kits for handgun and shotgun from Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil.

Firearm safety kits at Bay P.D.

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Bay Saint Louis Police Department will provide 200 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be distributed beginning Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Bay Saint Louis Police Department, 310 Old Spanish Trail. Safety kits will continue to be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. until all of the kits have been distributed.

"We will be distributing these safety kits free of charge to local residents. Firearm owners who request a tee safety kit will receive it, no questions asked. A key goal of the program is to prevent a loaded firearm from being left lying around the house where a child could pick it up and play with it. That's a tragedy waiting to happen that we don't want in Bay Saint Louis," said Bay PD Chief Frank McNeil.

There is a firearm safety pamphlet that is included with a gunlock and is just as important as the lock itself. It explains the importance of safe handling and secure firearm storage in the home. I encourage everyone to read it and follow its advice."

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Bay Saint Louis is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. "We are pleased to have the Bay Saint Louis Police Department as a Project ChildSafe partner," said Dee Dee Dockings, spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."

A loaded gun should be under your full control and supervision at all times. When you're not able to supervise that loaded firearm, it should be unloaded and securely stored and these locks will provide an extra safety measure and for anyone without secure storage, it will certainly provide a major safety measure. If you choose to keep a firearm for home security, you should consider buying special lockable cases that can be quickly opened only by you," McNeil said.

Kindergarten Open House at North Bay & Waveland Elementary Schools

Open House for students entering kindergarten in August, 2004, will be held at North Bay Elementary and Waveland Elementary on Tuesday, March 30, 5:30-6:30. Please attend open house at the school your child will attend in August. Children

must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2004, in order to enter kindergarten in August, 2004. Please call the school office if you have questions or need additional information. North Bay 467-4757, Waveland Elementary 467-6630.

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- Joshua Sky Hux, 27, contempt of court
- Lester Dell, 51, sale of controlled substance
- William Jesse Pursley, 25, possession of controlled substance (marijuana)
- Kenneth Carver, 26, sale of controlled substance
- Amanda Mooney, 19, contempt of court
- Johan Backe, 78, petit larceny
- Amie Marie Falgout, 32, simple assault (domestic)
- Burke A. Bergeron Jr., 57, simple assault (domestic)
- Ronald L. Thomas, 26, contempt of court
- Stephen Ray Pullens, 40, contempt of court
- Michael M. Speed, 48, contempt of court (failure to appear), driving on suspended driver's license, speeding
- Michael J. McCray, 25, DUI (other substance)
- Derrick Benoit, 19, commercial burglary
- Mark C. Saucier, 27, felony bad checks
- Paul Saucier, 22, sale of controlled substance
- Elvis J. Morris, 56, simple assault by threat
- Pamela L. Alphonso, 37, hold for Picayune Police Department
- Christopher B. Nobile, 32, DUI (1st)
- Tiffany D. Spiers, 27, disorderly conduct, public drunk, disturbance of business

• Quincy Williams, 32, possession of marijuana while operating motor vehicle, speeding, resisting arrest, improper equipment, no driver's license

• William Gregory Davis II, 20, contempt of court (failure to pay)

• Samuel Rush, 39, simple assault by threat

• Robert Kevin Lane, 30, contempt of court

• Gene Jackson, 48, sale of controlled substance

• Kurmetus L. Moye, 18, contempt of court

• Bridget Vincent, 37, contempt of court, animal cruelty

• Paul Saucier, 22, sale of controlled substance

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Opinion

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas

Publisher Emeritus

The older I get, along with the more I write in reference to law enforcement officers, the more I appreciate the job they have to do.

I have been to some terrible scenes over the years, holidays, all hours of the day and night and of course, law enforcement officers were there. To give you an idea of the various tasks they face, take this week for instance.

On Sunday right before noon, Hancock Investigators were called to investigate a possible murder victim in a shallow grave. Before it was all over with, there were two people, a male and a female, found in the grave.

Along with four personnel from the State Crime Lab, the investigators worked until after midnight removing the two murder victims.

Now, it was not until late Monday afternoon that I visited the site to take photos and the smell was still unbearable.

Law enforcement folks had to work in the smell for over 12 hours to remove the victims, who had been dead for several weeks.

Then you take into consideration that a law officer never knows what type of situation he or she is responding to. They place their lives on the line every time they put on the uniform.

For sure, law enforcement officers are not really paid the salaries they deserve.

This is something every citizen needs to push to change.

"I'm Not Your Mama," is the theme of the

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Good news for sportsmen

The Senate has passed legislation that will help conserve our wildlife, our environment and enhance the outdoor recreation experience for Mississippi's sporting public.

Contained in the recently passed six-year transportation bill is funding that will enhance roads and trails throughout our nation's national wildlife refuges, protect wildlife, promote safe boating, protect wetlands and improve marine sanitation.

As a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus - a group of Senators and Representatives who share a love for the outdoors - I've joined my colleagues to secure almost \$1 billion for the nation's outdoor recreation projects during the next six years.

This includes \$30 mil-



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator
Trent Lott

The Sport Fish Restoration Act is important to outdoor enthusiasts because it allocates the excise taxes we pay on sportfishing equipment and motorboat fuel for state-based boating safety, fisheries conservation and boating access facilities.

lion per year for roads in our National Wildlife Refuges, \$60 million per year for recreational trails, \$50 million a year for recreational roads - all of which make enjoying

and appreciating the outdoors easier for millions of Americans.

This initiative also includes \$15 million annually for better culverts and bridges.

designed to improve fish passage and enhance fish population.

As part of the transportation bill, Sportsmen's Caucus members are advocating reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration Act, which is the primary funding source for state-based fishing and boating programs.

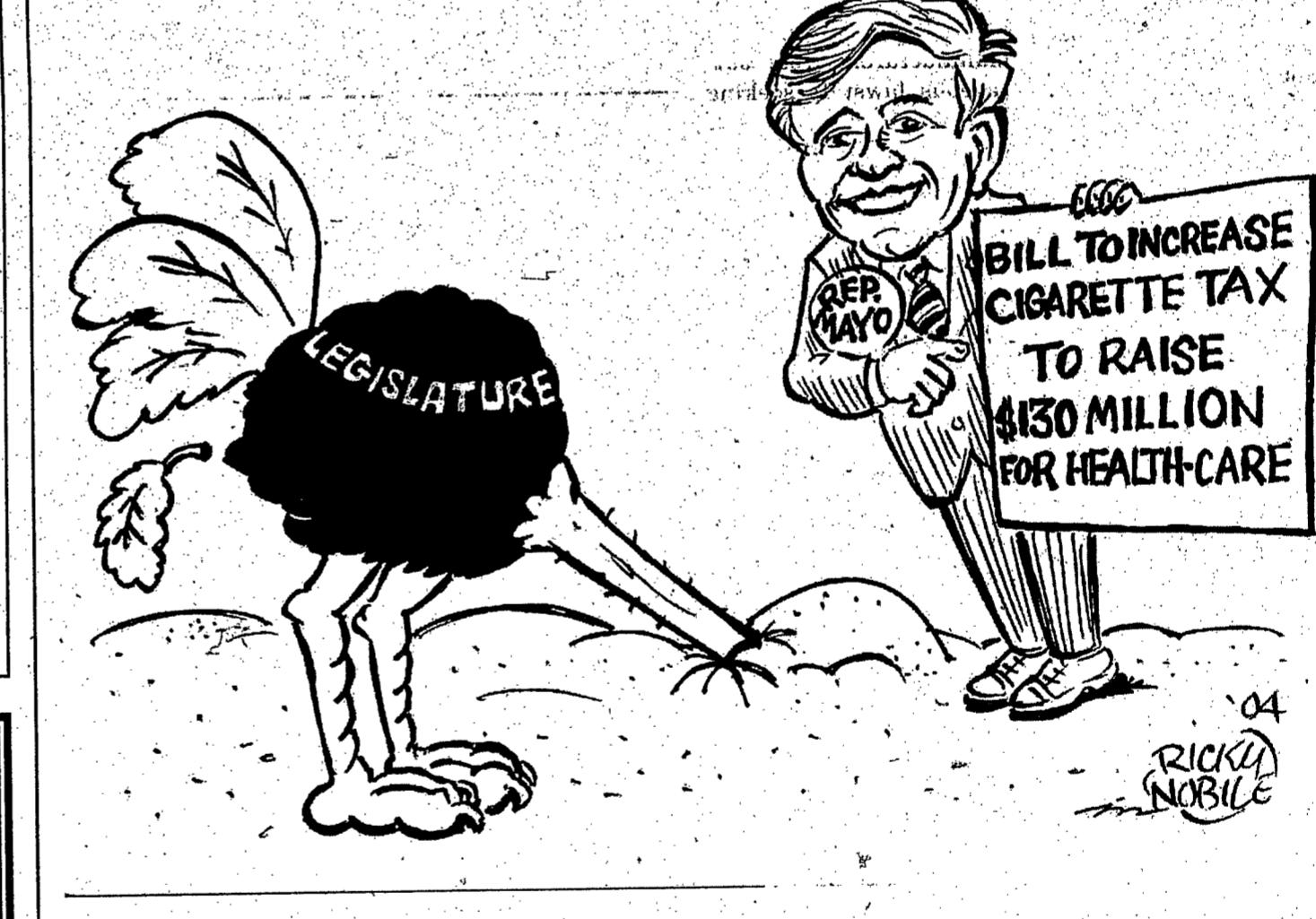
This act has considerable implications on Mississippi's boaters who are now preparing their craft for another season.

The Sport Fish Restoration Act is important to outdoor enthusiasts because it allocates the excise taxes we pay on sportfishing equipment and motorboat fuel for state-based boating safety, fisheries conservation and boating access facilities.

In fact, at the request of Senator John Breaux of Louisiana and myself, this version of the bill

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Veterans or 'Paws on Parade'?

Waveland resident questions city's use of portable john near memorial

To the city of Waveland: I cannot believe what I saw Saturday, March 20, 2004.

"Paws on Parade" on Coleman Avenue.

Yes this was a wonderful event but did you have to disgrace our Veterans Memorial?

Yes, you did disgrace our lovely Veterans Memorial. Whoever heard of putting a Port-O-Let right next to the column of the memorial? Especially since the city of Waveland

had spent money on restrooms by the gazebo which is not far from the memorial site.

There were also two spaces across from the memorial plus a parking lot where the Port-O-Let could have been put.

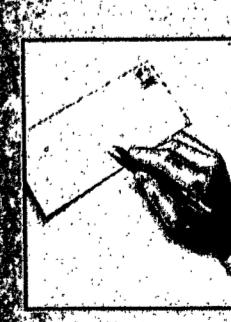
Post 77 takes great pride in the Veterans Memorial. Men go out there and make sure it is clean and free of litter.

We have had flags and palm trees stolen from the memorial. Now we have a Port-O-Let put side by

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo accepts comments from our readers. Letters should be brief and to the point. Only one letter per month will be published. Letters of comment or opinion will be published in the order in which they are received.



side with it.

Is this how you honor the men and women who served to give you the freedom you have?

Before you put another disgrace by the memorial please stop and think. The city of Waveland is sup-

pose to show hospitality not disgrace.

So stop and think before you make another mistake. Honor our Veterans, don't disgrace them.

For God and Country
Judy Bergeron
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Time to revisit telecom policy

BY RICK STEWART
Regional Manager
BellSouth-Gulfport

Recently, the nation's telecommunications policy turned 8 years old. Signed into law in early 1996, the legislation pre-dated the invention of the web browser, the rise of the cell phone as the 'must have' accessory of every American teenager, and the wave of wireless Internet gadgets that have made their way into our pockets and purses.

Back in 1996, dial-up Internet access was "cutting edge." Sophisticated broadband applications, instant messaging and Internet telephony were a mere glint in a technologist's eye.

Remember our world as consumers? It was largely one company, one service, one choice. There were no nationwide calling plans with unlimited weekend and evening minutes. No high-speed broadband...no WiFi...no Blackberries...no cable company calling up offering telephone service.

It was a different world, which warranted different rules. As a result, Congress passed a law suited to a monopoly environment: one that sanctioned a heavily government-managed telecommunications marketplace.

Today, we live in an entirely new world when it comes to how we communicate. More than 8 million Americans have "cut the cord," becoming wireless.



Rick Stewart

only households. One of the largest "telephone" companies in the country is a cable company.

Traditional communications networks are seeing a real decline in usage as more conversations take place via email and instant messaging. Now, experts predict that Internet telephony is the "new, new thing," poised to rapidly and fundamentally transform the communications marketplace—bringing more choices, services and value to you.

Without question these are positive developments. It is time for Congress and federal regulatory authorities to bring these worlds together and write a telecom policy that frees all companies in the new communications marketplace to invest and compete head-to-head for business—speeding needed investment, services and opportunities across the country.

The new world holds extraordinary potential for our economy and our quality of life. Unfortunately, this promise...largely

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Rick Stewart

remains on hold thanks to an outdated policy—the Telecommunications Act of 1996—that continues to insist all these new choices do not exist.

As a result, there are two worlds in communications today: one micro-managed by intense federal government regulation and one that exists entirely outside that framework.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell's recent remarks to the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners General Assembly offered up the promise of possible regulatory reform.

Powell said, "We are well-advised to pursue regulatory policies that invite, nurture and promote innovative activity in the digital age, or we stand to lose out on its rewards."

They see what we all see in our daily lives today: The future isn't on its way. It's already here. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 may have served a purpose in the old world. But it fails to serve the nation in today's ever-changing landscape.

It is time for a new policy that looks to the future and ensures it is a bright one for consumers and for our economy. In short, it is time for the nation's telecom laws to catch up with our lives.

Lott

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captures the full 18.3 cents per-gallon motorboat fuel tax for these state-based outdoor programs.

Previously, money collected from this levy had been going to Washington. This legislation keeps more tax money close to home, benefiting the same people who actually pay the motorboat fuel tax.

It's always been my philosophy that, while no one likes to pay taxes, money raised from tax levies should stay local whenever possible, where it can benefit those who pay the taxes.

This is very similar to the initiative I've led to recover more of Mississippi's gas-tax dollars from Washington.

As any motorist or sportsman knows, every time we buy gasoline we pay a tax that goes to Washington, specifically to the federal Highway Trust Fund. Mississippi has traditionally been a donor state, meaning for every dollar we pay in gas tax, we only received a portion back to maintain our state's roads and bridges. I've worked to gradually bring our percentage up.

Today, Mississippi receives about 90 cents for every dollar it contributes to the Highway Trust Fund, and the transportation bill could bring this reimbursement up to 95 cents, good news for sportsmen and all those who buy lots of fuel and travel extensively on Mississippi's roads.

On another note important to Mississippi's sportsmen, the Senate

recently considered legislation that would protect the nation's firearms manufacturers from outrageous lawsuits seeking to blame them for crimes committed with guns.

That legislation failed, but ironically from the view of many gun-rights advocates, it's probably best that it did, for now.

Liberal, anti-gun Senators tried to advance their gun control agenda by attaching anti-gun amendments to the bill, including an extension of the controversial Clinton assault weapons ban.

Many Senators who support sportsmen and the 21st Amendment, including myself, decided it was best that we scrap the bill rather than be compelled to extend this controversial 10-year-old legislation, which has yet to be linked with a discernible drop in crime.

Make no mistake: Senators supporting gun rights and America's sportsmen intend to protect firearms manufacturers and gun-ownership, but it's imperative that we do it with clean, uncorrupted legislation that protects firearms industry jobs and firearms ownership without conditions. I'll keep you posted.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office).

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Sports

Tennis & baseball action sizzles

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The action on the diamond and on the court continues to dominate the area high school circuit. On the court, Bay High won three matches last week. On March 18th, the Tigers recorded a 3-2 win over East Central followed by a 5-0 shutout win over Picayune on March 24th. On March 25th, they recorded a 4-1 victory over Gautier.

Against East Central, Marquez Singleton defeated Glyn Bowman 6-1, 6-1 in boys singles. In girls singles, Taylor Montgomery of East Central defeated Lisa Schroeter 6-2, 6-3. The Hornet duo of Win Williams/Justin Godlewsky defeated Kyle Sjostrom/Jared Dunklin in boys doubles 6-2, 6-4. Bay High's Hannah Johnson/Eva Iglesias defeated Tiffany Tanner/Audrie Cirlot 6-0, 6-1 in girls doubles. In mixed doubles, Chris Magee/Kelly Callahan gave Bay High the win with a 6-2, 6-0 decision over Ashley Stawter/Josh Adkinson.

In the shutout win over Picayune, Marquez Singleton started the day with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Justin Sumrall. Lisa Schroeter won by forfeit in girls doubles while the team of Jared Dunklin/Jason Sims defeated Cordell Myles/Daniel Wise 6-0, 6-0 in boys doubles. Hannah Johnson/Eva Iglesias teamed up in girls doubles to give Bay High a 6-1, 6-1 win over Debra Howell/Alison Robinson. The shutout was preserved when Kelly Callahan/Chris Magee served up a 6-1, 6-1 decision in mixed doubles over Cale Pastorek/Janet Watkins.

In the 4-1 win over Gautier, the lone blemish was in girls singles when Heather Calvert defeated Lia Schroeter 7-6, 6-1. In boys singles, Singleton continued his hot streak with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Matt Parker. In boys doubles, Jared Dunklin/Jason Sims defeated Kenny Zitzelberger/Adam Carlisle.



Dane Knight

Local gymnast qualifies for regional championships

Dane Knight, age 9, of Bay St. Louis, earned a spot on the Mississippi Boys Gymnastic team. He was one of the top five competitors that qualified at the State Meet in Hattiesburg, on March 6. He will represent Mississippi in the Regional Championship

which will include 6 other States, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, and TN. It will be held in Jackson, MS, in April of this year.

Dane is the son of Doug and Michelle Knight of Bay St. Louis, and is in the fourth grade at Bay Catholic Elementary School.

Local horse earns second place in \$119,376 race

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Toastin Dash, a two-year-old sorrel gelding, owned by Dwayne J. Saucier of Pass Christian, MS, captured second place in the \$119,376 Mardi Gras Futurity RG2 at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, LA.

Toastin Dash, ridden by Jarrod Deschamp and trained by Herman Ladner, covered the 300-yard race in a time of 15:770.

The top finishers for this race, by order of finish, were GAMES GAMBLER MAGIC, TOASTIN DASH, ADAMS TOAST, CALLIES FIRST EFFORT AND THIS BABE SHINES.

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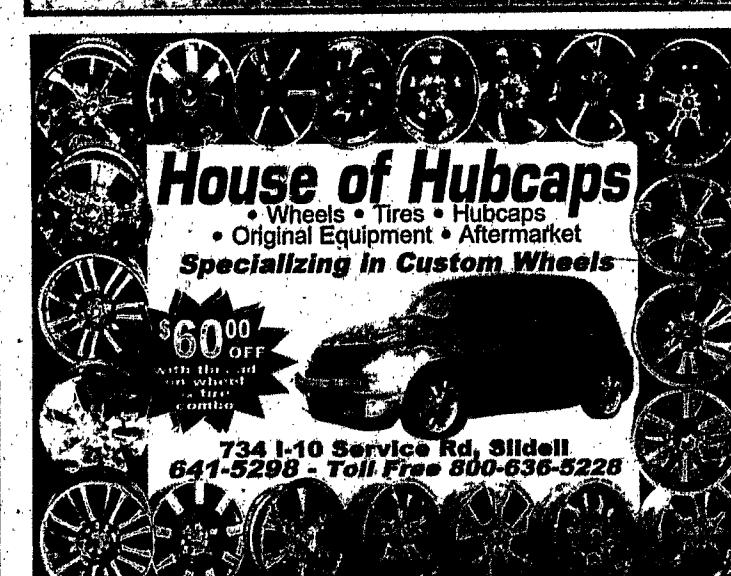
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6-0, 6-2. In girls doubles, Hannah Johnson/Eva Iglesias won 6-4, 6-2 over Kelly Staup/Ciara Toney. Chris Magee/Kelly Callahan defeated Jon Havlik/Jessica DeBoe 6-0, 6-1 in mixed doubles.

On the diamond March 20th, St. Martin swept Hancock in a double-header 17-10 and 8-1. Hancock was up 7-0 in the first game before the Yellow Jackets came from behind to win. Thomas Laudis, Tyler Ball, and Seth McIntosh all had round-trippers for the Hawks.

On Monday, March 22nd, Bay High defeated D'Iberville in fast-pitch softball 10-0. Katie Barrett pitched a one-hitter shutout with 8 Ks. Sarah Favre led Bay High (7-4, 2-2) at the plate with three hits and

four RBIs. On March 23rd, the Hattiesburg Tigers shutout the Hawks 13-0 while D'Iberville defeated Pass Christian 5-0 in Division 8 Class 4A action. The Pirates (10-8, 2-4) were led by Dustin Allen's two hits. Vancleave downed the Rocks (7-10, 3-3) in division action 6-2.

On March 22nd, the SSC

golf team competed in a four-team, 9-hole tournament held at Pass Christian Isles. SSC had a team score of 161 to win the match. Picayune was second with a 203 followed by Pearl River Central with 216 and Pass Christian with 272. Low medalist honors were shared by James Wahl and TJ Koger of SSC with a 2-over 38.

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You must be living in your home on or before January 1, 2004 to qualify for homestead exemption.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- warranty deed
- cost of property (closing statement)
- down payment amount
- license plate numbers (you must have vehicles registered in Hancock County)
- drivers license

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- you became 100% disable on or before January 1, 2004
- you sold part of your homesteaded property during 2003
- you acquired additional property that **ADJOINS** your current homestead
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- your marital status changed

If you have any questions please feel free to call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6651.

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Where's the Chief?



Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber welcomes Tommy Cutrer, president of the Louisiana Southeast Chiefs of Police Association, to the county. Approximately 50 police chiefs and their spouses attended the annual meeting, which was held for the first time in Mississippi. Hancock County resident and retired chief, Glenn Dore from Delcambe, La., hosted the event on March 18 at Ramada Inn in Diamondhead.

Games -- Coast seniors

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April 15-18, 2004.

Impson is in charge of registration for the first Senior Games to be held on the Coast and said, "Registration is open until April 1, and of the 200-plus already registered, we have a large number from Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, Kiln and other parts of Hancock."

"By the time registration is complete, we expect to have about 400 to participate in this great fun time for seniors."

"You know, this is a great experience for men and women seniors. We have one registered all the way from Washington State. The oldest is one gentleman from Lafayette, La., who is age 91 entered into the 100 meter, 200 meter and 400 meter sprints."

"For a first year event, we're thrilled with the interest we have generated among participants," said Randy Tarver, President, Coast Senior Games board of directors, and program developer for the Area Agency on Aging. "I think the appeal is so broad because we offer something for every athlete with competition ranging from badminton to ballroom dancing. Plus, many people are excited about the fitness benefits of training and competing for the various events. It not only sets a good lifestyle example for people of all ages, but paves the way for future Coast Games successes."

The Mississippi Gulf Coast joins Hattiesburg and Tupelo in scheduling similar senior games on April 16.

Additionally, the Coast Senior Games, sanctioned by the Mississippi Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports, is affiliated with the Mississippi Senior Olympics, an annual event staged in the greater Jackson area.

"We are delighted to have a regional senior games event on the Coast, our state's second largest market," said Joyce Anderson, executive director of the state Senior Olympics. "Any event of this nature helps promote our annual Mississippi Senior Olympics and, in turn, senior wellness."

Venues in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson counties, will utilize the entire Coast for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games. Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi will feature bowling at Gaudie Lanes and volleyball and racquetball in Blake Gym. Other Biloxi sites include ballroom dancing at the Imperial Palace, track and field events at Yankee Stadium and swimming at the Biloxi Natatorium. The Herbert Wilson Recreation Center in Gulfport will hold badminton, shuffleboard, and table tennis, while tennis is at Gulfport's Bayou Bluff Tennis Club. Also in Gulfport is the 5 K Run/Walk starting on Second Street. Basketball is at the Pascagoula High School Gym and horseshoes at City Park in Ocean Springs. Additionally, an evening welcome reception will be at the Beau Rivage on April 16.

The Bridges, an Arnold Palmer signature course at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, will host golf May 5-6.

In addition to participation from numerous Coast athletes, organizers expect to draw competitors and guests from throughout Mississippi and the Southeast region. Economic impact to the Coast economy is estimated in excess of \$350,000.

"Of course we're pleased with the revenue forecast for the Coast, but more than anything, we're thrilled with the support we have so far received from our supporting partners and community sponsors," said Tarver.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Retiree Partnership, the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA, and numerous Coast chambers of commerce are among the supporting partners which share the Senior Games interest in senior fitness and recreation, and have pledged to help recruit athletes and event management volunteers.

For entry forms and more information, visit the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games website at www.seniorgamesonthegulfcoast.com or contact Roger Derby at 875-9698. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Lynn Spencer at 864-4200 or lynn.spencer@na.manpower.com.

Ellis C. Cuevas, Publisher Emeritus contributed to this story.

Murder -- victims I.D.'d

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numerous people, seeking possible identification information," Hurt said Thursday.

"All of the sheriff's investigators have been working around the clock with very little sleep this past week -- and will be this weekend too."

"I estimate we have much more than 300 man hours into this case and now are focusing as to whom may have committed the crime. I do think we set our sights on a prime suspect, but, we

still need to tie up a few ends," Hurt said Friday.

The bodies were discovered by a couple who purchased the land earlier in March, while they were doing some clearing work last Sunday morning. They noticed where an animal had been digging and saw a man's arm in a hole and notified the sheriff's office.

Working from Sunday afternoon until past midnight, investigators and Crime Lab personnel removed the two murder

victims from the shallow grave in moist soil.

Hurt said that in order not to disturb the victims, the Crime Lab folks used tongue depressors and small tools.

Area fire departments and individuals provided lights Sunday night for the grim chore, and Hurt said he was very grateful for their help.

The cause of the deaths has not yet been released.

Republican Women's Club to meet April 1

The next regular meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest of honor and guest speaker will be Brenda Wood, two-term president of the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women and one-term second vice president of the National

Federation of Republican Women.

She is presently serving as a board member of the National Federation. All members are urged to attend.

D'head P.E.O. plans garage sale

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Chapter T of the P.E.O. will hold their annual garage sale in Diamondhead on Saturday, April 3rd from 8 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

This multi-family sale will be at the home of Mrs. JoAnn Powell at 7604 Fairway Drive and all proceeds will go to support the Women's Higher Education Projects of P.E.O.

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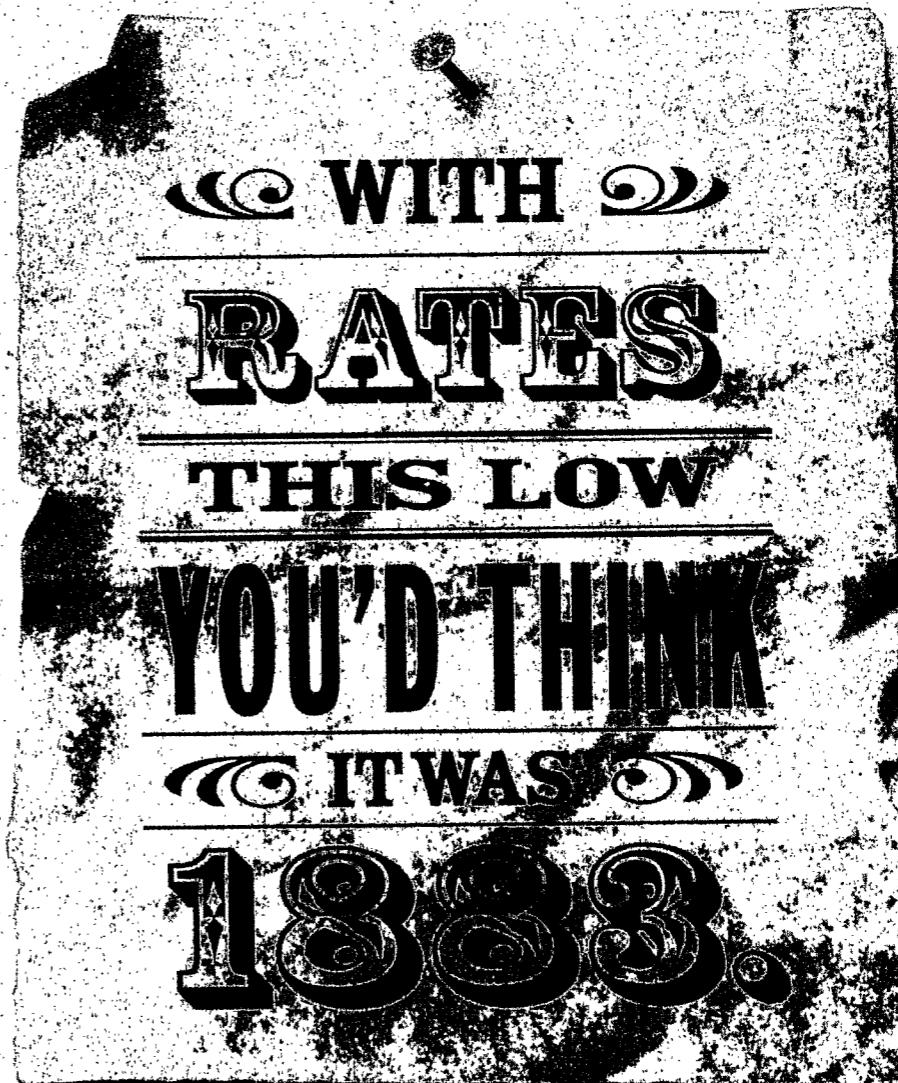
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Hancock Library News

Great Books discusses 'Of Justice and Injustice'

Of Justice and Injustice by David Hume is the topic of discussion at the Great Books Discussion Group meeting on Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The selection is from *An Introduction to Great Books, First Series*. Several copies are available for checkout at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The Great Books discussion group, sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, has been meeting and discussing books since March, 1990. During that time, they have read more than 345 titles from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call Jamie Elston at 467-5282.

Cleaning, dogs and rainy days to highlight library system story hours

Who Made This Mess? is the theme for the story hour at the Waveland Public Library on Tuesday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. Karen Cotton, branch manager, will read *Messy Bessy's Closet Mess Pets and Mouse Mess*. Children will make a clean up craft sheet.

Dogs! Dogs! Dogs! is the theme of the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will read *Dogs! Dogs! Dogs! Dog Gone* starring *Otis and No Dogs Allowed*. Children will make a colortime sheet.

Rainy Days is the theme for the story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m. Karen Strange will read *One Monday, Right Outside My Window* and *One Rainy Day*. Children will make a paper umbrella craft.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Jamie Elston, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; or Karen Cotton, Waveland Public Library, 467-9240.

Happy Birthday



Amelia Broussard of Bay St. Louis had her 80th birthday on March 25 and celebrated it Saturday with brother Roland, sister Mary, sister Lorraine, sister-in-law Doris and their families.

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ELVA BURAN
Elva Ladner Buran of Lakeshore died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a native and longtime resident of Lakeshore. She was of the Methodist faith and a member of the Clermont Harbor United Methodist Church. She was a charter member of the Republican Women Association, and the National Association Retired Federal Employee Association.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kermit L. Strong; parents, Daniel and Sophie Ladner; six brothers, Steve Ladner, Jack Ladner, Frank Ladner, Elvin "Buck" Ladner, Norbit Ladner and Lester Haverty Sr.; two sisters, Lillian Ladner Krankey and Lillian Miller Kenny.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, June Pullen Strong of Lakeshore, and numerous great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The visitation was held on Friday, March 26, at the Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home in Bay St. Louis. The prayer service followed with burial at Lakeshore Cemetery. The family request donations to the Humane Society, P.O. Box 2273, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES CARTER JR.
Charles Edgar Carter Jr. 72, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Carter was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

He was past-president of MS Jaycees. He was fleet manager for DeRussy Motors in Bay St. Louis.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edgar Carter Sr. and Mary Scafide Carter.

Survivors include his daughter, Catherine Clark of New Orleans and one

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cousin, and friend?
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this?

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Your Family and Friends

Business News

Casino Magic honors employees



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Casino Magic Bay St. Louis honored nine new Team Members and Supervisors of the Quarter at a luncheon on Feb. 17.

Congratulations also to those Casino Magic Team Members who were also honored on Feb. 17 for their perfect attendance.

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Eddie Erksine, slots. Supervisors of the Quarter who were also honored were Wendy Augustus, sales; Tricia Sonnier, table games; and Chef Don Wicks, buffet.

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Louisiana offers training to help bring new NASA center to Stennis

Louisiana is offering \$1 million in job training to help bring a new federal complex to Stennis Space Center in Mississippi.

The NASA Shared Services Center would consolidate the agency's financial management, human resources, procurement and information technology, and bring 500 new jobs to Stennis.

And, based on current patterns, about one-third of those workers are likely to live in Louisiana and commute to Stennis, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said.

"The jobs created by this venture will be quality jobs with good salaries," she said.

NASA's 10 field centers are competing for the new center, which could employ as many as 750 federal and contract workers, with an estimated average annual salary of \$60,000.

Stennis' proposal calls for Mississippi to pay for a new 125,000-square-foot, \$21 million building. Mississippi's House and Senate have passed similar bills for \$19.5 million in bonds, with the rest to come from local governments.

Stennis is one of six NASA centers competing for the center. Others are: Johnson Space Center in Houston; Kennedy Space Center in Orlando, Fla.; the Glenn Research Center in Ohio; and Langley, Va., and Huntsville, Ala.

On Monday, officials at Stennis, members of Mississippi's congressional delegation, state lawmakers and Louisiana officials, presented their case to NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe who was visiting the space center.

O'Keefe said he hopes

O'Keefe and NASA will see that Mississippi and Louisiana supports placing the center on the Gulf Coast.

"This is something that has been supported by local officials, federal and state leadership in Mississippi and Louisiana," Barbour said. "We've made what we think is a compelling package that we presented to the administrator. They've (NASA) had a lot to look at and a ways to go, but I believe we've put our best foot forward."

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Jackson -- your tax dollars at work

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from their home districts like royalty, with true Southern hospitality.

I don't know what the capital is like when the legislature is not in session, because this was my first visit ever; but for the two days I was there it was as lively as a circus with something going on all the time. You might run into a mayor from a city across the state, your own mayor, or visiting city officials from as far away as Russia. I ran into all three on my visit. And everyone was happy to be there.

Getting to the capitol building was easy and the traffic in the area was pretty light. Parking can be a problem, but just directly in front of the building because it is all reserved for the legislators and staff. I drove into the circular drive and asked the guard for the media parking. Are you here to see J.P. Comprett, he said. Yes, I said, surprised. Park right over there, he said, pointing to a place right at the front door (well, actually the back door). I pulled into the spot labeled Speaker Pro-Temp. I told you they liked visitors.

I went up to the third floor where the House and the Senate chambers and the Speaker Pro-Temp's office is located. People don't really call your name in the formal legislative setting. They call you the Speaker Pro-Temp, the gentleman from Jackson, Biloxi or where ever the place is that you represent. I walked past the signs that said legislators only and went to Mr. J.P.'s office to check in.

His secretary, Danita, had worked for the former Speaker Pro-Temp and had been kept on in the office. Some temporary employees can lose their job after a change in the administration, she said, but for the most part they are just shifted around to another position at the capital if someone wants to bring in their own people.

Mr. J.P. was at a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, but by the time I had finished my coffee he appeared and asked if I would like to sit in with them.

On this particular day Representative John Mayo from District 25 was proposing to add another tax bracket to state income tax in which a family of four who make over \$34,600 would pay 6 percent of their remaining income to the state, a one percent increase. He was also proposing a tobacco tax increase, a beer and wine tax increase, a hard alcohol tax increase and a casino tax increase. The resulting revenue of about \$29.2 million would be used to restore the budgets of Mental Health, Education, Human Services and Vocational Rehabilitation, he said.

A bill has to make it first to a committee, then be actually presented to the committee, then it can go to another committee and finally if it makes it through it will go the House or the Senate for discussion and a vote. Along the way, the bill can be changed, revised, added to, or negotiated or dropped completely. Quite honestly, I'm not sure which combination happened to this bill. There was some discussion, some yeas and nays and then everyone got up and left the room rather quickly. I do know that the bill did not make it out for a vote. I also attended a meeting with Senator Scottie Cuevas with the Economic Development and Tourism Committee where he serves as chairman.

After this we went on to the House Session and later to the Senate Session. This is something which must be seen first hand. Both rooms are massive with elaborate stained glass skylights, marble pillars, and carved wood trims. Legislators are seated at easy chairs with desks in front of each. There

are galleries for visitors around three sides of the Senate room and two sides of the House room and on these days they were filled with people. Special guests wait on the floor. As a journalist, I was seated on the floor directly in front of the Speaker's or the Lt. Governor's podium and facing the legislators.

The sessions begin with a prayer by a visiting minister who is introduced quite regally by his legislator. Then the Speaker or the Speaker Pro-Temp or in the case of the Senate, the Lt. Governor ask if there are any introductions. Here is where, you, as a visitor, have your moment. Each legislator introduces who ever is visiting that day from their district.

It can be their aunt, a local official, or the man who runs the gas station, it doesn't matter, as each introduction is accompanied by much fanfare.

The legislator asks the visitor to stand, tells a little about them, and then asks those on the floor to make them feel welcome. The entire room claps for the visitor, everyone, the pages, the legislators, the security people, everyone. I clapped too; the enthusiasm was contagious. It reminded me vaguely of the Price is Right, come on down! But everyone really is happy to see you. I think it is a matter of pride for the legislators to have someone drive all the way to Jackson to attend a session. And the further the drive, the happier they are.

After this, the very special visitors on the floor are introduced and come forward to be greeted, some saying a word or two. On these days, Mississippi's Jr. Miss visited with her friends and family, television's Divorce Court Judge Mablean Ephriam, visited with her friends and family and so did a host of school groups and more. All four of the sessions that I attended began this way and lent an air of celebration to the occasion.

Then it is down to the

business of discussing bills and appropriations. The bill or appropriation is read and explained and then each legislator with a comment or question stands in turn to be recognized by the Speaker Pro-Temp or Lt. Governor. Some may have serious questions and some may stand to poke fun at a proposal. To be honest, they all looked like they are having a great time, though I know there is much work involved, much of it in the committee meetings. And to be fair, the House was in session far into the night the evening before I arrived, debating the issue of voter

I.D., which brought back many bad memories for African American legislators. Apparently tears were even shed over the issue, which was defeated.

I knew I would have to leave in the middle of the house session on my second day. I really didn't want to go. After only two days I had barely touched on understanding the process that makes our government work, but I was fascinated by what I saw.

I had said my good-byes earlier, everyone making me promise to visit again. And I know I will because I know I really will be welcome, and

State Senator Scottie Cuevas, Bonnie Shallcross, and Speaker Pro-Tem of the House of Representatives J.P. Comprett at the entrance to the Senate Chamber in Jackson.

I know that everyone will go feel that way and you too, out of their way to make me should you decide to visit.



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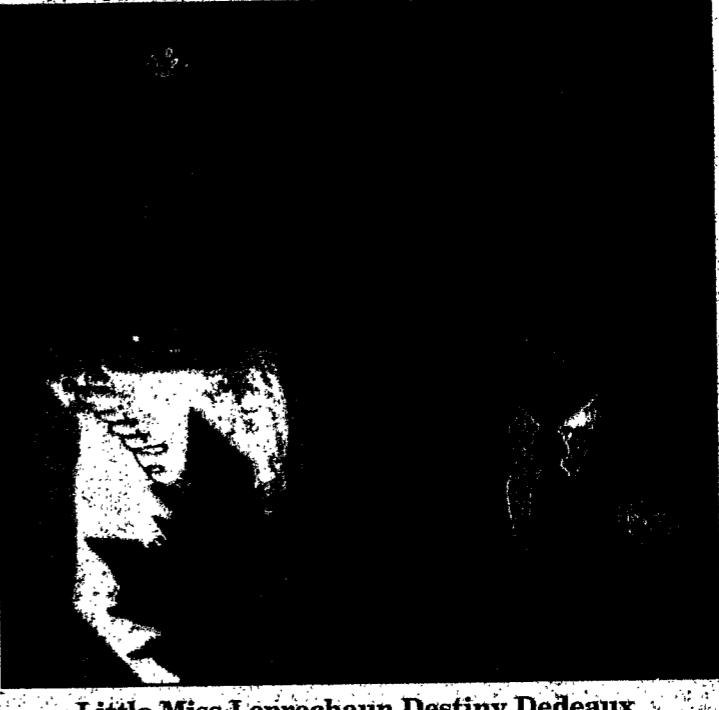
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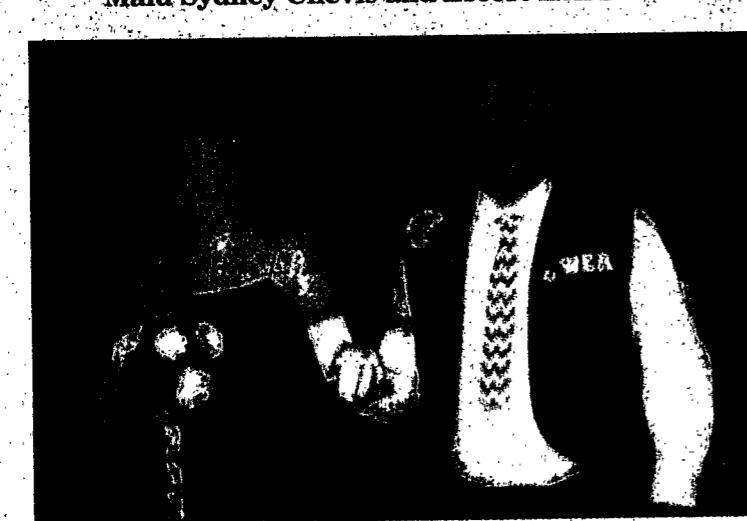
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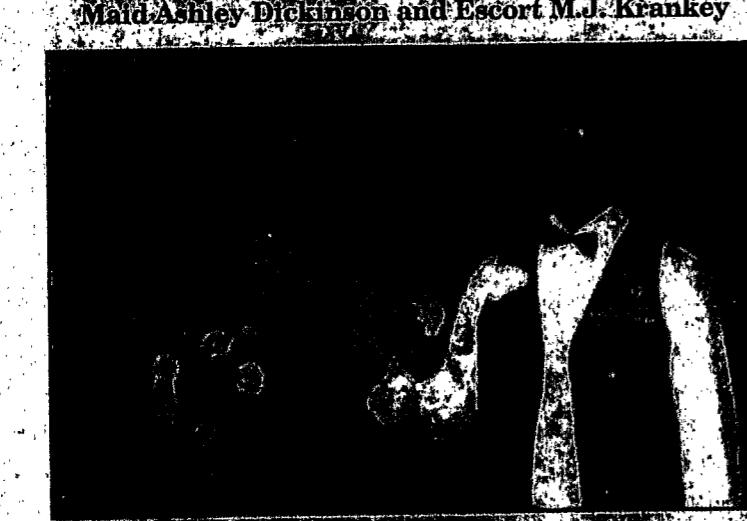
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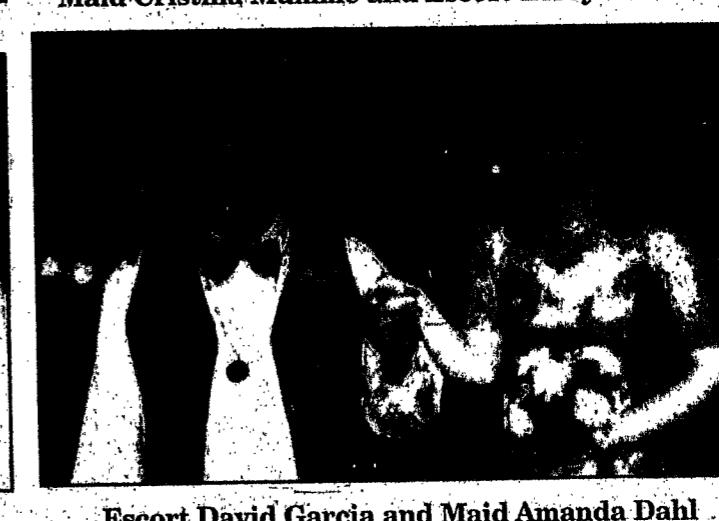
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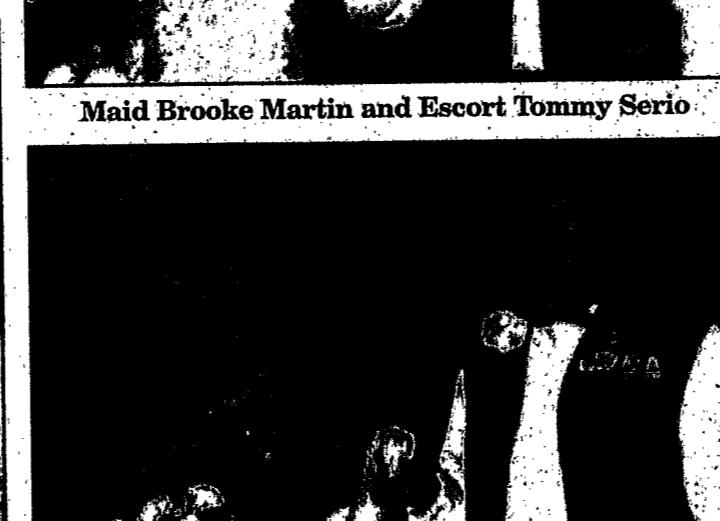
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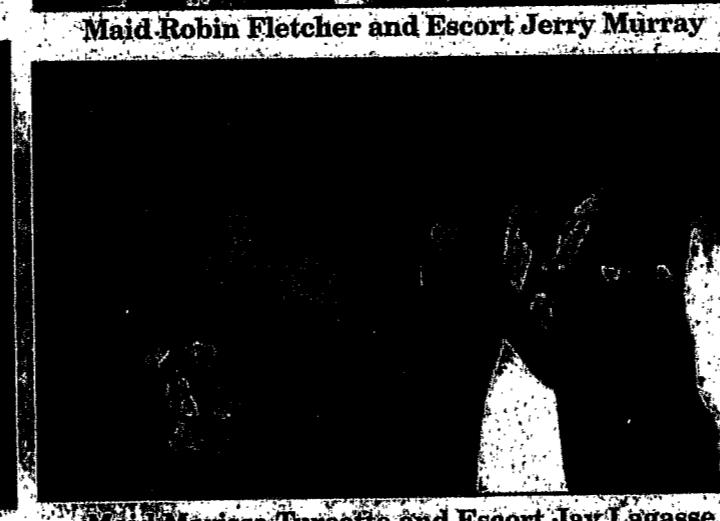
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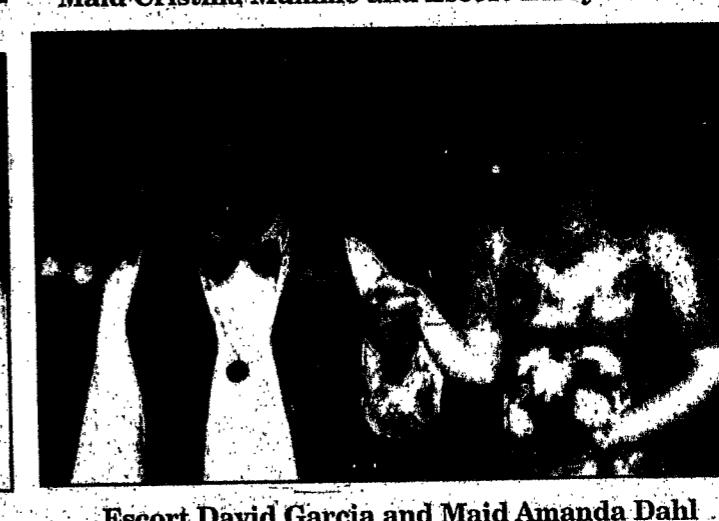
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MENUS

Hancock North Central
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Served daily:
Bread, Dessert, Milk
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BREAKFAST

Monday: Chicken Patty
Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
Juice

Tuesday: Pancake Pup,
Fruit Cup, Cereal, Toast,
Fruit Cup, or Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Breakfast
Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese
Sandwich, Cereal, Toast,
Fruit Juice

Friday: Breakfast
Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Grades K-5

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert, Milk
and Condiments

Monday: Beef-A-Roni,
Mexican Burrito, Whipped
Potatoes, Refried Beans,
Tossed Salad w/Dressing,
Blushing Chilled Pears,
Chips, Vanilla Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and
Rice w/Sausage, Hamburger,
Ranch Baked Fries,
Fries, Southern Greens,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday: Veg. Beef
Soup w/Sandwich, Ham &
Cheese Po-Boy, French
Fries, Steamed Broccoli,
Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Thursday: Chilled Fruit,
Fruit Juice, Crackers,
Chilled Fruit, Jello w/Whipped
Topping

Friday: Mac & Cheese
w/Ham, Fish Burger,
Hamburger, Ranch Baked
Fries, Southern Greens,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday: Veg. Beef
Soup w/Sandwich, Ham &
Cheese Po-Boy, French
Fries, Steamed Broccoli,
Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Thursday: Mac & Cheese
w/Ham, Fish Burger,
Hamburger, Ranch Baked
Fries, Southern Greens,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Whipped Potatoes, Corn,
Tossed Salad w/Dressing,
Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice,
Yeast Roll, Chips, Raisins

LUNCH

Grades 6-12

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert, Milk
and Condiments

Monday: Beef-A-Roni,
Mexican Burrito, BBQ Rib
Sandwich, Whipped
Potatoes, Refried Beans,
Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Thursday: Chilled Pears,
Chips, Vanilla Pudding

Friday: Mac & Cheese
w/Ham, Fish Burger,
Hamburger, Ranch Baked
Fries, Southern Greens,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Jello w/Whipped
Topping

Thursday: Chicken &
Sausage Gumbo over Rice,
Pizza, Ranch Baked Fries,
Green Peas, Broccoli Salad,
Chilled Peach Slices, Fruit
Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers,
Ice Cream Sandwich

Friday: Mac & Cheese
w/Ham, Fish Burger,
Hamburger, Ranch Baked
Fries, Southern Greens,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Friday: Mac & Cheese
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Hamburger, Ranch Baked
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Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle,
Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookies

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MENUS

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BREAKFAST

Monday: Glazed Donut,
Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and

Fruit Bowl, Yeast Roll

Wednesday: Red Beans,
Rice, Sausage, Bacon
Burger, Seasoned Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Fresh Banana,
Strawberry Blend, Mexican
Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese
Frito, American Sub
Sandwich w/Trimming,
Buttered Peas, Carrot Stick
w/Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh
Fruit Bowl, Butter Cookie

Friday: Chicken
Quesadilla, Fish Nuggets,
Seasoned Lima Beans,
Garden Salad w/Dressing,
Chilled Pears, Rosey
Applesauce

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Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
Juice

Wednesday: Scrambled
Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
Juice

Thursday: Sausage and
Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
Juice

Friday: Breakfast Pizza,
Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Stromboli,
Chicken Sandwich,
Buttered Corn, Baked
Beans, Fresh Apple,
Tropical Fruit Mix, Rice

Krispie Treat

Tuesday: Southern Fried
Chicken, Cheesburger,
Broccoli & Rice, Buttered
Carrot, Peach Slices, Fresh

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East Hancock Elementary students win honors in regional science fair

Students from East Hancock Elementary participated in the Regional Science Fair held a few days ago in the Biloxi Coliseum and earned top honors.

After placing first through third in the school's science fair, students were allowed to participate in the regional fair along with other local school winners.

The judging of the regional projects concluded with an awards ceremony in which the following EHE students were announced as winners. Brittany Nutting placed 3rd in Biochemistry and Chemistry 4-5 grades. Laura Wilson placed 2nd in Biochemistry and Chemistry 4-5 grades. Blakenev McKnight placed 2nd in Engineering 4-5 grades. Austin Ladner placed 1st in Engineering 4-5 grades. Meghan Bourgeois placed 1st in Earth and Space 4-5 grades. Cade Jarrell placed Honorable Mention in Behavioral and Social Science K-3 grades. Clay Necaise placed Honorable Mention in Mathematics K-3 grades.



Photo courtesy of Lydia K. Jelinski

Regional Science Fair winners and participants from East Hancock Elementary are front row: Laura Wilson, Brittany Nutting, Blakenev McKnight, Meghan Bourgeois, Austin Ladner, and Cade Jarrell. Second row: Tanner Parvin, Jordan Fallin, Marissa Boulet, Sarah Dixon, Elizabeth Jenkins, Kristina Wheat, Sarah Boozer, Leila Sabbagh, and Kyle Johnson. Back row: Mikey Underwood, T.J. Haas, Ashton Hourin, Missy Null, Sarah Perweln, Alexis Bullock, Candace Martinez, Alex Latejini, and Aren Kelehan. Not pictured are Brycen Necaise and Clay Necaise.

First Baptist Bay St. Louis announces Passion Week schedule for April 4-12

The First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis has announced its schedule of activities for the Passion week of April 4-12.

These activities will begin on Palm Sunday (April 4) with a special day of events that will be held at the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly which is located in Pass Christian.

The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a dinner-on-the-ground and games during the afternoon. There will not be services at the church's location at 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis on Sunday, April 4.

On Good Friday, April 9,

and Saturday, April 10, there will be a dramatic presentation of the Crucifixion. Both presentations will begin shortly after sunset each day.

On April 11, the Easter Sunday schedule will begin with a county wide sunrise service sponsored by sponsored by the Hancock County Ministerial Alliance on the front lawn of First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis.

Part of this service will be a dramatic presentation of the resurrection. The sunrise service will begin at 7 a.m.

Following the sunrise service First Baptist Church will have a special

Sunday schedule. There will be three morning services to celebrate the resurrection.

These services will begin at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 a.m. There will also be a Sunday Evening worship beginning at 6 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend their place of worship in celebration of the resurrection. Everyone is also invited to join in one or more of the opportunities of worship at First Baptist of Bay St. Louis.

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Ms. Fabienne Tasselin and Mr. Patrick Tasselin, both of Diamondhead, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shéryl Jeanine Tasselin of Fort Worth, Texas, to Wilson Eugene Pierce of Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Ms. Sara Holder of Gautier and Mr. Dennis Pierce of Pascagoula.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of the Mississippi School for Math and Science and a 2003 graduate of Mississippi State University with a master's degree in accounting. He is currently employed with KPMG Accounting Firm in Dallas, Texas.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pierce of Moss Point and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Holder.

Vows will be exchanged on April 24, 2004, at La Maison Gautier, "The Old Place," in Gautier.

Her grandparents are the late Ms. Marie-Claire Pollet and the late Mr.

Henri Spy and Mrs. Jeannine Simard of Chateauroux, France, and the late Mr. Howard Yarborough.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of the Mississippi School for Math and Science and a 2003 graduate of Mississippi State University with a master's degree in accounting. He is currently employed with KPMG Accounting Firm in Dallas, Texas.

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Spelling bee winner to compete in Jackson

On March 3, first place winners in Coast Episcopal School's Spelling Bee attended the Mississippi Private School Association's District 4 Spelling Bee in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Representing the school were fourth grader, Kathryn Plant; fifth grader, Sara Lydia Tuell; sixth grader, Hunter Searcy; seventh grader, Sarah Holland Bacot; and eighth grader, Kyle Killeen. Kathryn Plant placed third in the fourth grade division and will proceed to the Overall Spelling Bee.

where she will compete with other fourth grade winners from private schools across the state. M.P.S.A.'s Overall Spelling Bee will be hosted by First Presbyterian Day School in Jackson on April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Daniels of Richton announce the engagement of their daughter Stacy Lynn Daniels of Hattiesburg to Christopher B. Carr of Poplarville. Mr. Carr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Carr of Bay St. Louis.

Miss Daniels is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ready, Sr. of Richton, Mrs. Hazel Daniels of Richton and the late Hobart Daniels, Sr. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Nancy Hudson of Clara.

A 1996 graduate of R.H. Watkins High School in Laurel, of Jones County Junior College and a 2001 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in interior design, Miss Daniels is employed at McRae's Hattiesburg in visual merchandising.

Mr. Carr is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Rayborn of Waveland and

the late Jimmy and Edith Travera of Bay St. Louis. He is the great-grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rayborn of Sumrall, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Templeton of Starkville, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bartholemey Spotorno of Bay St. Louis.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of St. Stanislaus College Prep High School, Pearl River Community College and a 2001 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in community health. He is currently the fire chief for the city of Poplarville.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 3 p.m. April 3, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis. A reception will follow at the Diamondhead Community Center. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Christopher Carr and Stacy Daniels

Melton-Smith

Shilo Summer Melton and Jay Alan Smith, both of Fort Worth, Texas, were united in marriage Dec. 20, 2003, in Historic Thistle Hill.

The Rev. Nona Taylor officiated. Soloist was Tony Whidden. Organist was JoAnn Whidden.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chip Melton of Richwood, Texas.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Smith of Perkinston, Miss.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she selected an Ivory original design by Bride and created by Bernice Buck, grandmother of the bride.

The dress had a princess

gown with pleat in front and a 10 foot train. The dress has hand beaded snowflakes crafted by the bride's family.

Matron of honor was Holocco Melton. Bridesmaids included Lise Dorsey, Hollie Smith and Leigh Higgs.

Best man was Ray Smith. Groomsmen were Kendall Ladner, Andrew Novarini and Kit Melton.

A reception was at Thistle Hill.

A rehearsal dinner was held at The City Club of Fort Worth, hosted by the groom's parents.

After a wedding trip to Telluride, Colo., the couple will reside in Ft. Worth, Texas.

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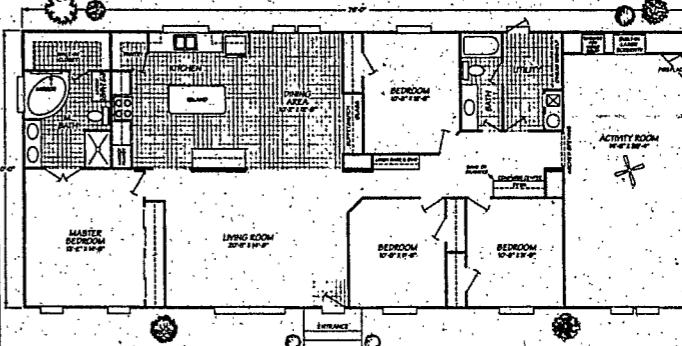
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Sunday, Sunday

From where I lay on the lounge, I could see a small fluffy one coming from the north over the roof, moving fairly rapidly like a puppy running across the sky. Right behind it came another small white cloud, spotlessly clean, scurrying as if to keep up.

I watched the approach of the two for a few moments and then, as they moved to where Stella could see them from her hammock, called her attention to them. She stirred, put a finger in the book she was reading and looked up.

"They are cute," she agreed and watched them for a second. Then, "What are they doing now?"

The first cloud retained its integrity until it was directly over us and then began to break up. It continued to dissolve until finally, as we watched, the small cloud was gone. Behind it the second cloud hurried up and, when it reached the same area of sky, it started to lose its substance. In moments, it too was gone.

Nothing remained of

either cloud. The space where the two had been moments before was empty, leaving a broad, bright, almost brilliant, blue sky over us.

There was a line of dim clouds on the distant horizon over the waters of the Sound toward Cat Island, but nothing else.

I lay back and licked my lips. It was going to be a hot day.

Cloud watching is a nice sport to do on hot days. Especially on a Sunday like this. Lying on a lounge on the front deck of a beach house is a good place to cloud watch. The oak trees provide cover from the sun and you can lay and watch without too much effort and almost no thought; just sort of a sublevel appreciation of the clouds being there and you in a comfortable position to watch them.

Only today, I realized, there was no clouds. Well, not exactly, if you count those last two, but they had gone to cloud heaven and were with us no more. I settled more firmly on the lounge. It was going to be a rough day for doing what I

had been prepared to do.

In 1905, William Murke wrote in his two volume treatise on clouds that the art of cloud watching had been started by Chin Won Lee during the Ching Dynasty in the 13th century B. C. Murke wrote that the more advanced art of naming individual clouds after familiar objects came much later, but that Chin is the person that started it all.

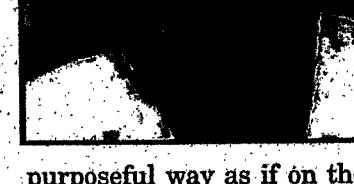
I thought of this as I stared up at the empty sky and sent up a silent prayer to Mr. Chin. I waited, allowing the prayer to waft upward to the ancient place in which Chinese cloud watchers must sit in regal splendor. I waited...

"Paul, wake up!" It was Stella. "Here come some big ones!"

I looked to where she was pointing. These were big clouds coming again from the north.

These looked like serious clouds. If the other two we saw were Pekinese puppies, these were full grown Saint Bernards.

There were several of these clouds and they moved across the sky in a



purposeful way as if on the trail of something to our south that was important. Soon they would be directly over us.

Their very size exuded a sort of righteous confidence. We felt positive that now things were going to happen, that things would cool down and that maybe more clouds would gather where these pioneers were assembling and there might even be an afternoon shower.

I looked out over the water.

Despite the heat, the air was crisply clear and the water was a vibrant dark blue. As I looked, a large flock of gulls separated themselves from Carrier's pier just to my west and forming a tight group began heading eastward. They

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flew low over the water just beyond the shoreline, to pass me en masse as they continued toward Bay Saint Louis.

I sat up and finally stood to watch their flight. As they passed they presented a startling contrast: a beautifully pristine white mass of birds moving against a vivid blue background of water.

As I stood entranced, the birds continued their flickering flight down the beach going past Penny's pier and then out of sight toward the Bay.

I turned and headed for the sliding glass door to go inside to tell Stella.

I felt a little better. Mr. Chin had sent me my cloud.

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Bay St. Louis Little Theatre members speak at Exchange

'Chairish the Theatre' campaign and MAC grant among topics presented at club meeting



Claire Haun and Scott Darrah of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre were guest speakers at the Hancock County Exchange Club meeting held at Acadian Grill on Feb. 26. The topic of their talk was the recent MAC grant awarded to the theater for much needed repairs as well as the "Chairish the Theatre" campaign. Pictured with Haun and Darrah is David Bassett, treasurer of the Hancock County Exchange Club.

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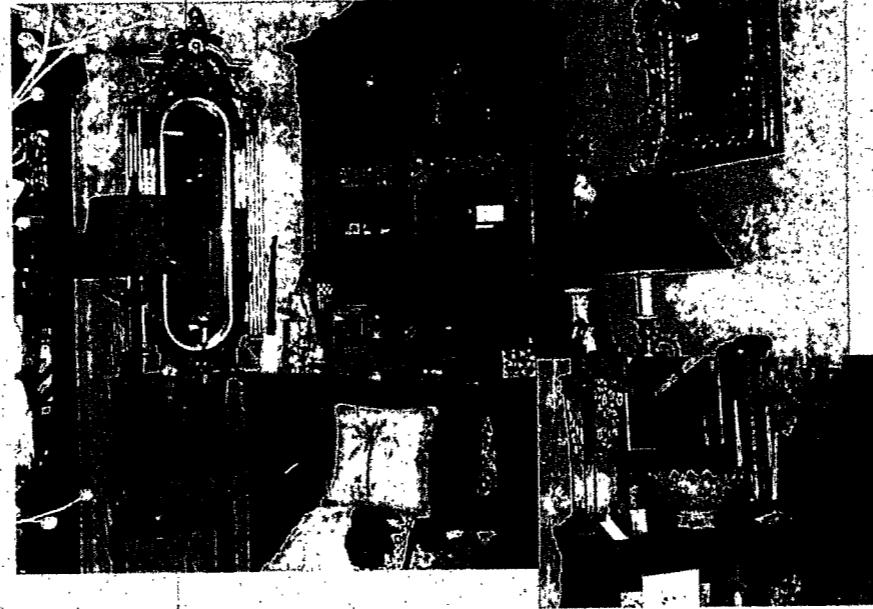
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Supreme Court affirms SOS Authority in Tidelands Leasing

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The Mississippi Supreme Court has affirmed a lower court ruling upholding the Secretary of State's authority in leasing the public trust tidelands and his role as trustee of the tidelands.

"The Supreme Court decision is a victory for the people of Mississippi, who directly elect a statewide official to manage the public trust tidelands they own," Clark said. "The tidelands are held in trust of all the people of Mississippi, and we work very hard to see they are managed wisely."

Columbia Land Development, LLC, sued the Secretary of State in Harrison County Chancery Court in January 1997 after Clark denied a tidelands lease for a proposed casino resort and golf course at Bayou Pottage, an inlet off the Bay of St. Louis.

The Secretary of State has discretion to grant or deny a tidelands lease, where other government agencies had given approval.

Currently, proposed casino projects on the Coast must be approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Mississippi

which must be over state-owned water bottoms, called tidelands.

According to court documents, Clark denied Columbia's lease application in part due to the rural nature of the area, negative environmental effects, and expected costs to the community for necessary infrastructure construction.

The case hinged whether

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Department of Marine Resources, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the State Gaming Commission, and the Secretary of State, as well as various local authorities.

In the decision, the Court wrote: "The Chancellor correctly found that Mississippi legislation allows the success of any proposed gaming site to be dependent on the approval of numerous state departments and agencies. Each effectively has veto power."

The Court continued: "The Tidelands Act does not guarantee a lease for gaining. Only where, in the discretion of the

Secretary of State, with approval from the Governor, it is determined that the granting of a lease would serve a higher purpose than to preserve the natural state of the tidelands, may the littoral landowner be granted a lease."

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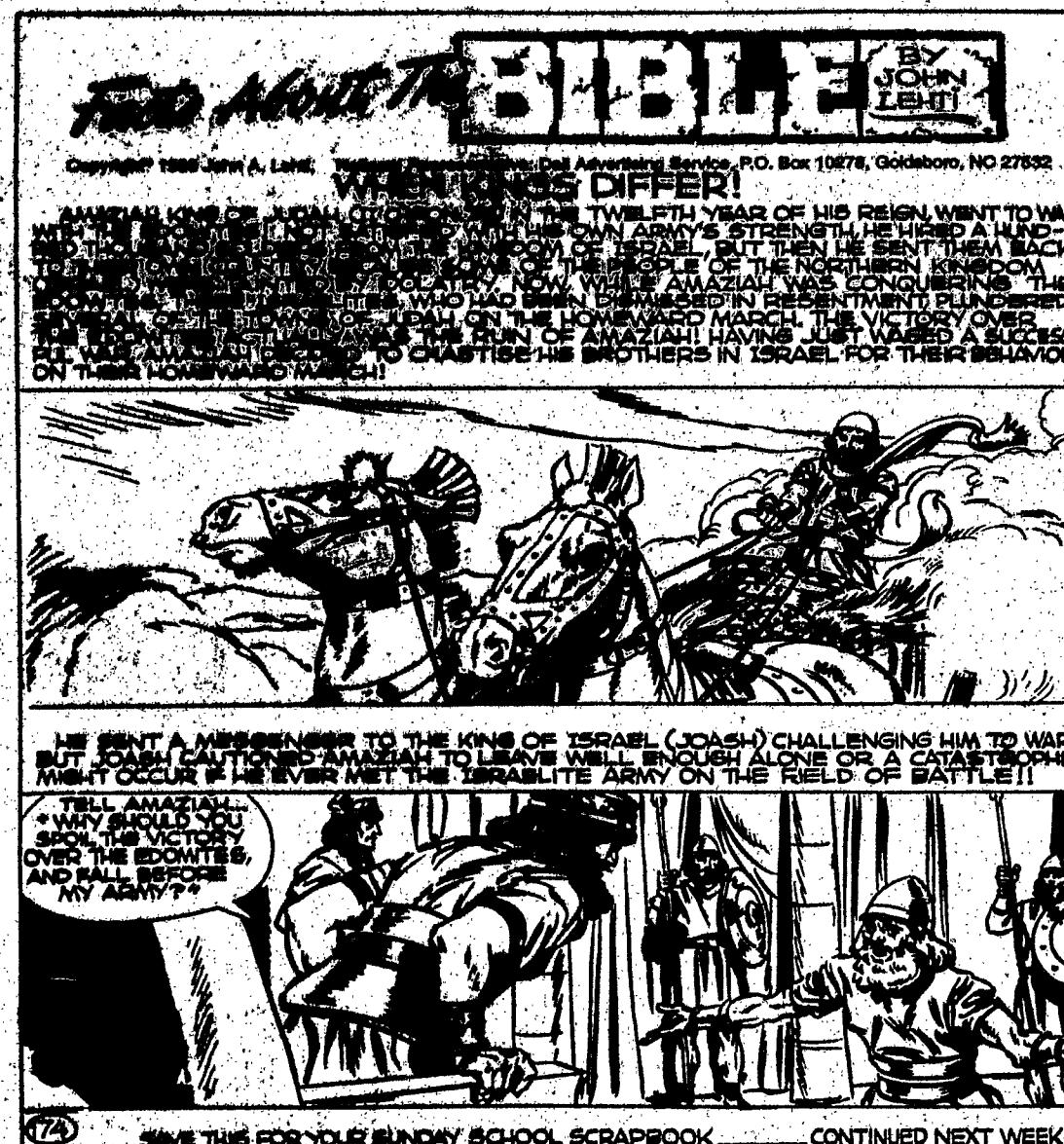
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Final Traces of Lent

"Priest Where Is Thy Mass? Mass Where Is Thy Priest?"

"Sixteen Priests Tell Why They Celebrate the Latin Mass."

Having heard about the Vatican II aftermath complex for years, you can probably guess as well as I can the multiple quirks and motives behind the predilection of some priests for saying the Tridentine Latin Mass.

A few cursory glances inside the book confirm all the things we expected to find about their attachment to the Latin Mass. However, as Lent winds down, I will definitely grant them this much. The introduction to the

Tridentine Mass expresses everything we hope for as human beings.

"Introibo ad altare Dei!" Exclaims the priest. "Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam!" answers the altar server.

"I will go unto the altar of God! To God who gives joy to my youth!"

Although I was ordained toward the end of the Tridentine Mass era in 1957, and even though Latin is a second language for me and greatly pleased me when put to music, I am attached to the vernacular which the people like.

Still, it remains a distinct thrill to recall and repeat that just-quoted introduction to the Tridentine Mass. All of us relate to the timeless desires and longing expressed in that opening prayer, for we all seek fulfilling joy.

In the midst of all the solemn atmosphere and the serious penances of Lent, the constant undercurrent is always the same; the quest for joy.

Even as we age, "To God who gives joy to my youth" grows only stronger.

Everyone is virtually the same in this regard. As we mature, we fight the battle of the mirror, the battle of the bulge, the battle of wrinkles, muscles losing their tone, memory challenges which make us wonder whether our mind is slipping a tad, and a tendency to get into ruts in issues and views.

In stark contrast to the appearance and expressions of such a somber season, Lent calls us back to all the radical basics of our life, including repentance, conversion to God, forgiveness and our insatiable quest for joy.

Popular perception has it that Lent comes across to us as heavily subdued, sorrowful, burdensome and painful. It speaks of things which we find very difficult to give up or do without, and of tasks which we find hard to do.

So druggy is the very idea of Lent that I have a personal dislike for the time after Mardi Gras, even though I have done far more than the equivalent of a Lenten fast for seven years

and eleven months, abstaining from all meats, all seafoods, all milk products, all salt, sugar and caffeine.

Nevertheless, Lent is anything but a drag, despite its forbidding theme and atmosphere. First of all, it is a prime tool which helps us remove the worst source of negative stress: not forgiving others and not being forgiven.

Second, Lent helps to lead us from forgiveness to repentance, conversion to

God and the fullness of joy in our lives. At this point, we begin to see and experience "To God who gives joy to my youth," even if we are old.

Lent's heavy theme and ambiance does its job, getting our attention amid all the worldly distractions of life. Grudgingly, in our most sober moments, we do admit that we need such a season as this at strategic times of the year.

Like stubborn mules, we need an occasional jolt to call us back from our preoccupation with the phony sources of joy, as we stretch ourselves out to recapture the vigor, joie de vivre and unbridled joy of youth.

Although we know it is not possible, we remain on a continuous quest to find it.

So it comes about that we frequently experience the

height of frustration by the survivors at funerals where we bury people who died very young, in their forties or relatively young in their fifties and sixties.

"He loved life," we often hear. "He loved to party, to second-line, to do the cooking, to entertain, to tell jokes and to laugh. And, of course, he loved people, lively company and all kinds of celebrations."

Naturally, all these things are good and commendable traits which we all would be thrilled to possess within ourselves or see in our relatives and friends. However, they are often stated at funerals as a whistling in the dark sort of thing to mask deep grief over the passing of a very young person.

Such expressions often end up at the cemetery with the libation of a bottle of Coke or whiskey onto the coffin just before it is pushed into its slot. This is close to being the ultimate expression of frustration and dashed hope.

Perhaps the sixteen Tridentine-loving priests are having the same nostalgic twinge about the joy of our youth as we are, except that they prefer to reminisce in the original Latin version of the prayer and reflection.

I must admit, as we no doubt all do, that I have my moments, my special flashbacks when I feel my dynamic food regimen kicking in, sparking my body to some feats of yesteryear and my soul to the joy of my youth.

Reflections
on Life

by Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

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Scripture Signs...

By Ed Young

Be a prayer warrior

"He must increase, but I must decrease." These are the words of John the Baptist. John 3:30

Dear Reader, do you have this same witness in you? Do you want to put the Lord above yourself? Are you willing to die to self, so that Christ can reign in your life?

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For we can do nothing without calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and help us. The Lord must increase and we must decrease; for He must be first in our lives.

If you are not sure if you have God's Spirit in you, just repent and ask Him to come into your life and take over.

At the same time, we dispose of traditional Christian values and worship. Does God expect us to celebrate the annual visitation of the Goddess of Springtime? Not really. We should remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

After all, the central holiday of the Christian church is the celebration of Christ's resurrection. So God would have us remember not only Christ's death on the cross but also the fact He rose again from the

The "Word" for the Week
Promise of Resurrection

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Easter is upon us. Candy rabbits and baskets of chocolate eggs can be found everywhere. The annual Easter egg hunts are planned. It's all a remembrance of spring with a capital 'S'.

Easter is the name of the ancient Teutonic Goddess of Springtime. It's amazing how our sophisticated secular society clings to ancient forms of worship.

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After all, the central holiday of the Christian church is the celebration of Christ's resurrection. So God would have us remember not only Christ's death on the cross but also the fact He rose again from the

dead. Of course, although we willingly glorify the Goddess of Springtime, we are much too sophisticated to believe in the resurrection of the dead. But as the apostle Paul said, "Why is it considered incredible among you if God does raise the dead?" (Acts 26:8).

The whole point is, we don't believe in this God of the Bible. We think we can handle life on our own. We push God aside. Then we replace the God of the Bible with secular holidays based on pagan religions. It doesn't make much sense, except to say, we are all religious and have questions. Questions like: Why believe in God? What has gone wrong with the world? Is there an answer to suffering? Can religion really help?

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COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE \$750 monthly, 571 Ulman Ave. behind library, 800 sq. ft. 466-255-205.

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ON 04/01/04 AT 10:00AM, PROPERTY IN FOLLOWING UNIT WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY STORAGE IN TOWN MINI STORAGE, 215 NICHOLSON AVE., WAVELAND, MS. OWNER GENE MITCHELL - RODNEY CURRY - UNIT 212
03/14; 03/21; 03/28/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
INTO THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. BALDENHOFFER, DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. C2301-04-038(1)
RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF THOMAS A. BALDENHOFFER, DECEASED
AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO HIS ESTATE, who are not to be found upon diligent search and inquiry; and that the Post Office address of any such unknown heirs and/or other interested parties are also unknown to the Petitioner herein after diligent search and inquiry;

You are herein made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Fritz G. Kraft for a full and final determination of the heirs of Thomas A. Baldenhofer, Deceased. Defendants other than

You are required to appear and defend against the complaint or filed against you in this action at 9:00 O'Clock A.M. on the 28th day of April, 2004, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Witness my signature and official seal this 17 day of March, 2004.

(SEAL)

Public Notices

Avalon, Fabian and Rydell bring 'Bandstand' to Bay Casino Magic



Fabian, Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell will perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

SEA COAST ECHO
Fifties heartthrobs Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell perform their sock-hop hits and some of the most beloved music of the bandstand era in two performances at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis May 14 and 15 at 9 p.m. Tickets are: \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 and through any Ticketmaster outlet.

The Golden Boys were three of the most popular teen idols and the late 50's and early 60's and have met with overwhelming concert success while touring together off and on again since 1985.

Frankie Avalon, 63, began his show biz career by playing the trumpet and bowing the audience at various Philadelphia talent shows.

By the age of 12, he was a member of a local dance band which featured another

future teen idol on drums — Bobby Rydell. In 1957, the rise of "American Bandstand" inspired Avalon to try a solo singing career. He made waves with the hits, "Venus," "Bobby Sox to Stockings," and "De De Dinah."

In the '60s Avalon turned to acting starring in several films with Annette Funicello that were inspired by the nationwide surfing craze — "Beach Party," "Muscle Beach," "Beach Blanket Bingo," and many more. Perhaps his most memorable role came in 1978's "Grease" in which he played a teen angel and sang "Beauty School Dropout."

Another Philadelphia native, Fabian Forte, 61, was discovered sitting on his front steps at the age of 14. By the time he was 18 he had recorded dozens of hit singles including: "Turn Me Loose," "Tiger" and "I'm the Man."

In 1959, he made his screen debut and has since had featured roles with

John Wayne, James Stewart, Jack Palance, and George Segal. Never a disappointment to his fans, Fabian is still as good looking, charming and hard working as ever.

Bobby Rydell, 62, grew up in the same south Philly neighborhood as Avalon and Fabian. He began his career playing the drums at the age of five and was working night clubs by age seven.

As a teenager he played with Frankie Avalon in a local dance band and went solo after seeing Avalon's success. Rydell's hits include: "Volare," "Wild One," and "Kissin' Time."

In 1963, he appeared in the screen version of the hit Broadway musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie" opposite Ann Margaret.

Today the trio find their most success in their family lives and through touring together. Baby Boomers still flock to their concerts in droves screaming, "Frankie you're the best!" and "I love you Fabian! Must be 21 to attend."

General admission is \$16. Tickets are \$14 for seniors and military and \$10 for students and children. Group discounts are available.

Dinner theater packages are available at \$50, with dinner at Mary Mahoney's before the show.

For reservations, call 228-875-2529 or 228-435-6290. You may also stop by the Saenger Theatre box office between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Williams 'Iguana' at Saenger

SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Repertory Theatre Co. will present "The Night of the Iguana" April 1-4 at the Biloxi Saenger Theatre. Show times will be at 8 p.m. Thursday through Friday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

This Tennessee Williams play will star Broadway actors Susan Bigelow and Hamilton Clancy. Also appearing in the show are Becky Green, Ben Lokey, Elizabeth Hart, Shorty Sneed and Garlyn Gryder. Richard Harden of New York will direct.

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Living Home & Garden

Inside:

- How to protect your home if/when the storm hits
- Easy backyard projects to fit your budget
- An inside look at a local garden oasis
- And much, much more

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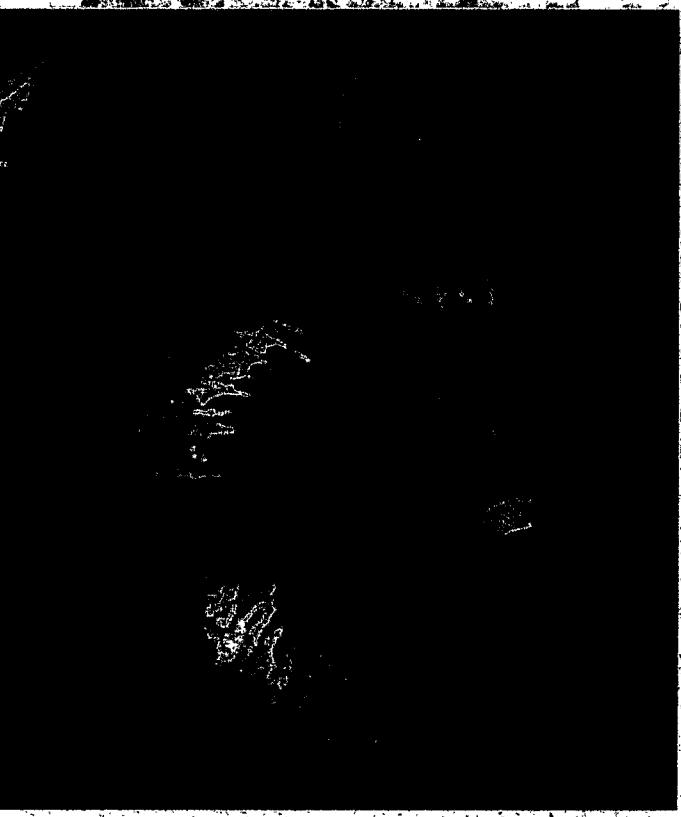


Photo courtesy of Norman Winter
Our cover shot for this edition of The Sea Coast Echo's annual Spring Home & Garden Section was submitted by Norman Winter, MSU Horticulturist at the Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center. It is a closeup view of a Sunshower Hibiscus, a new variety of an old favorite which is blooming now.

Tell us what you think ...

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

We hope you enjoy this edition of our annual Spring Home & Garden section.

We've included local stories and items which we hope you'll find useful as well as informational, from some very diverse sources, including Mississippi State University Extension Center, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as local home and garden centers.

Inside, you'll find:

- Detailed instructions on what to do if your home is damaged by flooding this season.
- Ways to save money on

your mortgage whether you're buying for the first time or refinancing.

- A listing of the Diamondhead homes included in the 57th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage.

- An inside look at five private gardens in Clermont Harbor.

- Easy and inexpensive backyard projects.

- And of course, plenty of gardening tips, from growing a healthy lawn to creating an entire new landscape in your yard.

- If you want to tell us what you think about the section, what you liked or disliked, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at: gbelcher@seacoastecho.com.

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Diamondhead featured in Spring Pilgrimage

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Gulf Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage began on Friday and continues through April 3rd. This year's theme is "The Food, Faces, Places and Events that Make Southern Comfort." The Pilgrimage is a tour of grand and historic homes, gardens, museums, and historical landmarks. All tours are complimentary and presented by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Each year noteworthy homes and gardens along the historic Mississippi Gulf Coast are opened to the public in a display of the graciousness of southern living.

On opening day, the Pilgrimage began in historic Biloxi. The pilgrimage tour began with the Genzer Home, featuring flower displays in each room and La Belle Maison Bed & Breakfast Inn, Circa 1897, designed and furnished with family antiques – then the pilgrimage tour meandered up and down the scenic Gulf Coast Area.

Each day of the Pilgrimage, a local garden club will host the annual tour by featuring one or more beautiful homes and/or gardens in their city or area.

New This Year: Tuesday, March 30th A Southern Tea and Fashion Show will be at the Gulf Hills Hotel, Ocean Springs, MS. There will be two sittings for the tea, the first will be at 11 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. with a world-famous fashion show composed of one-of-a-kind dresses made by international designers at both teas.

Advance reservations and a \$30 donation are required for the Southern Tea and Fashion Show. For tea reservations, contact Deborah Seidel at 228-875-7981. Space will be limited.

A Southern Marketplace in which local artists and craft persons will be exhibit-



Hancock County's elite Diamondhead community will be featured in the 57th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage this Wednesday.

ing, demonstrating, and selling their arts and crafts at the Gulf Hills Hotel on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Southern ladies in antebellum gowns will greet and visit with guests. After the Southern Tea and Fashion Show, the models will be parading throughout the hotel. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to visit the marketplace.

The Ending Ceremonies on April 3rd will be performed at the Old Brick House in Biloxi with jazz music and Second Liners (dancers) entertaining the guests. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn for three Stig Marcussen Prints (need not be present to win). Please call Charlotte Rhett at 228-388-5726 for raffle tickets before the Pilgrimage begins or purchase the day of the event. Refreshments will be served.

For More Information:

- Marjorie Shaughnessy - Chairperson - MS Gulf Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage 228-872-7738, 13904 Paraiso Road Ocean Springs, MS 39564

- Deborah Seidel - Chairperson - Southern Tea and Fashion Show, Gulf Hills Garden Club 228-875-7981, 6015 Monticilla Circle Ocean Springs, Ms 39564 wdseidel@bellsouth.net

- Priscilla Taylor - Publicity Chair - MS Gulf

Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage 228-875-8708 ptqrnd@cableone.net

Among the Diamondhead stops on the Pilgrimage:

- Headquarters, Diamondhead Community Center, 5300 Diamondhead Circle.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Hostesses: Diamondhead Garden Club.

Chairwomen: Margery Dieball & Mary Ann Ballard.

Stop here to pick up your map of the tour and enjoy refreshments. Before leaving, notice the atrium landscaping that was designed by the Diamondhead Garden Club and is maintained by the Property Owners Assoc.

- Home of Barbara & Gerry Gilbert, 7439 Ieke Circle.

A touch of old New Orleans welcomes you to this new home in its woodsy setting. The open floor plan and numerous windows create a warm and inviting home. Barbara enjoys "antiquing" and is especially proud of her "find" of an antique French country armoire. The Gilberts have used family mementos and unusual collectibles in decorating their home.

- Home of Pat & Evelyn DeStefano, 759 Turnberry.

Soaring twenty-foot ceilings add a touch of drama to this Glen Eagle home. This

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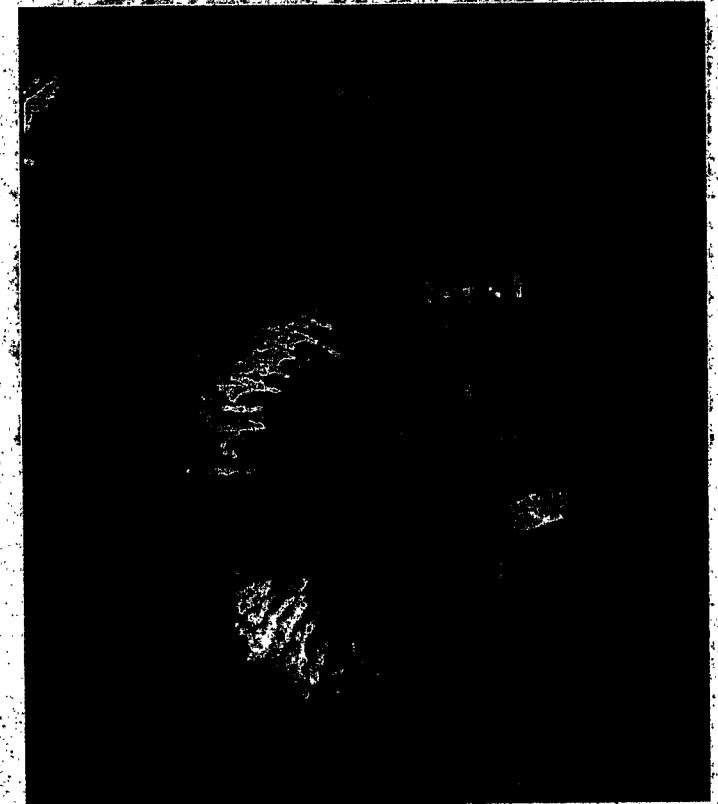


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Our cover shot for this edition of The Sea Coast Echo's annual Spring Home & Garden Section was submitted by Norman Winter, MSU Horticulturist at the Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center. It is a closeup view of a Sunshower Hibiscus, a new variety of an old favorite which is blooming now.

Tell us what you think ...

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

We hope you enjoy this edition of our annual Spring Home & Garden section.

We've included local stories and items which we hope you'll find useful as well as informational, from some very diverse sources, including Mississippi State University Extension Center, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as local home and garden centers.

Inside, you'll find:

- Detailed instructions on what to do if your home is damaged by flooding this season.

- Ways to save money on

your mortgage whether you're buying for the first time or refinancing.

- A listing of the Diamondhead homes included in the 57th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage.

- An inside look at five private gardens in Clermont Harbor.

- Easy and inexpensive backyard projects.

- And of course, plenty of gardening tips, from growing a healthy lawn to creating an entire new landscape in your yard.

If you want to tell us what you think about the section, what you liked or disliked, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at: gbelcher@seacoastecho.com.

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Diamondhead featured in Spring Pilgrimage

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Mississippi Gulf Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage began on Friday and continues through April 3rd. This year's theme is "The Food, Faces, Places and Events that Make Southern Comfort." The Pilgrimage is a tour of grand and historic homes, gardens, museums, and historical landmarks. All tours are complimentary and presented by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Each year noteworthy homes and gardens along the historic Mississippi Gulf Coast are opened to the public in a display of the graciousness of southern living.

On opening day, the Pilgrimage began in historic Biloxi. The pilgrimage tour began with the Genzer Home, featuring flower displays in each room and La Belle Maison Bed & Breakfast Inn, Circa 1897, designed and furnished with family antiques - then the pilgrimage tour meandered up and down the scenic Gulf Coast Area.

Each day of the Pilgrimage, a local garden club will host the annual tour by featuring one or more beautiful homes and/or gardens in their city or area.

New This Year: Tuesday, March 30th A Southern Tea and Fashion Show will be at the Gulf Hills Hotel, Ocean Springs, MS. There will be two sittings for the tea, the first will be at 11 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. with a world-famous fashion show composed of one-of-a-kind dresses made by international designers at both teas.

Advance reservations and a \$30 donation are required for the Southern Tea and Fashion Show. For tea reservations, contact Deborah Seidel at 228-875-7981. Space will be limited.

A Southern Marketplace in which local artists and craft persons will be exhibit-



Hancock County's elite Diamondhead community will be featured in the 57th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage this Wednesday.

ing, demonstrating, and selling their arts and crafts at the Gulf Hills Hotel on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Southern ladies in antebellum gowns will greet and visit with guests. After the Southern Tea and Fashion Show, the models will be parading throughout the hotel. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to visit the marketplace.

The Ending Ceremonies on April 3rd will be performed at the Old Brick House in Biloxi with jazz music and Second Liners (dancers) entertaining the guests. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn for three Stig Marcussen Prints (need not be present to win). Please call Charlotte Rhett at 228-388-5726 for raffle tickets before the Pilgrimage begins or purchase the day of the event. Refreshments will be served.

For More Information:

- Marjorie Shaughnessy - Chairperson - MS Gulf Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage 228-872-7738, 13904 Paraiso Road Ocean Springs, MS 39564

- Deborah Seidel - Chairperson - Southern Tea and Fashion Show, Gulf Hills Garden Club 228-875-7981, 6015 Monticilla Circle Ocean Springs, Ms 39564 wdseidel@bellsouth.net

- Priscilla Taylor - Publicity Chair - MS Gulf

Coast 57th Annual Pilgrimage 228-875-8708 ptqr@comcast.net

Among the Diamondhead stops on the Pilgrimage:

- Headquarters, Diamondhead Community Center, 5300 Diamondhead Circle.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Hostesses: Diamondhead Garden Club.

Chairwomen: Margery Dieball & Mary Ann Ballard.

Stop here to pick up your map of the tour and enjoy refreshments. Before leaving, notice the atrium landscaping that was designed by the Diamondhead Garden Club and is maintained by the Property Owners Assoc.

- Home of Barbara & Gerry Gilbert, 7439 Ieke Circle.

A touch of old New Orleans welcomes you to this new home in its woodsy setting. The open floor plan and numerous windows create a warm and inviting home. Barbara enjoys "antiquing" and is especially proud of her "find" of an antique French country armoire. The Gilberts have used family mementos and unusual collectibles in decorating their home.

- Home of Pat & Evelyn DeStefano, 759 Turnberry.

Soaring twenty-foot ceilings add a touch of drama to this Glen Eagle home. This

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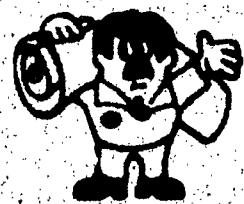


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How to save money and still stay cool this summer

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We've all been looking forward to the beautiful spring weather we've been experiencing, but now some of us are really starting to dread the thoughts of another long, hot Mississippi summer.

Both winter and summer energy costs have stabilized after some of the highest utility costs on record in recent years. No one can predict energy costs, however, so it's important to take steps to reduce expenses where possible.

To help homeowners and others with energy conservation, the Mississippi State University Extension Service has developed information on ways consumers may reduce energy costs.

Although energy costs currently are lower than those of just a few years ago, conserving energy and lowering costs remain important concerns. And while energy costs affect all Mississippians, they are of particular concern to farmers, homeowners, and small businesses.

To address these needs, the Mississippi State University Extension Service has developed information on ways farmers and homeowners

ers can reduce energy costs. Even with stabilized costs, it is important that consumers take steps to conserve energy.

What Can I Expect With Energy Costs?

Record high temperatures such as those encountered in 2000 have a dramatic effect on energy use and costs. Fortunately, such temperature extremes do not happen often. While these extremes aren't predicted for the foreseeable future, the prospects of high energy bills are a concern for many citizens.

Since we can't control the weather itself, the important thing is to make sure that homes, businesses and farms are as energy efficient as possible. This means taking conservation steps before extreme temperatures - winter or summer - arrive in earnest.

What Can Homeowners Do To Reduce Summer Energy Costs?

Many energy conservation principles apply in summer as well as winter. For example:

* Caulking and weatherstripping around doors and windows saves in both hot and cold weather.

* Raising the thermostat also significantly lowers the cooling bill. A good starting point is 78°. Every degree the thermostat is set below 78° adds about 7 percent to the cooling bill. At 72°, the cost is about 42 percent higher than at 78°. If higher thermostat settings are uncomfortable, you can make your living area feel several degrees cooler by using a fan to circulate conditioned air.

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* Don't overlook the value of landscaping in summer energy savings. About 60 percent of the heat entering a home in the summer is through the roof. Provide shade to the roof, walls and driveways to reduce heat absorption and save energy and money.

* Take advantage of windows in the spring for fresh air and natural ventilation. In the summer, keep the drapes drawn to reduce radiant heat from the sun. Ventilation is especially important to reduce summer energy costs. Make sure attics are properly ventilated.

* Change air conditioner filters regularly. Insulate air conditioner ducts that are exposed in the attic or in other areas.

* If you buy new appliances, look for energy saving features. Check the energy guide on appliances for energy consumption.

* If you're building a new home or adding to an existing structure, match the equipment to the heating and cooling load as nearly as possible. oversized equipment wastes energy. But keep in mind that while a window cooling unit works well for a small area, a central unit may be more economical for larger areas in the long run.

Safety is always a factor with electric equipment. Don't take chances with faulty connections, make potentially dangerous repairs, or cut corners that put your safety at risk. If in doubt, contact an electrical contractor for help.

For more information on energy conservation, call or visit your county Extension office. The Hancock County Extension office can be contacted at:

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15 years vs. 30: Save \$\$\$ on your mortgage

With interest rates remaining low, real estate rates on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at an all-time high and a seemingly endless amount of companies out there urging you to "cash out" the equity in your home, it's tempting to consider refinancing your mortgage.

What do I need to consider before I refinance my mortgage?

The best time to refinance depends on the interest rate difference between your existing mortgage and the new mortgage, closing fees for refinancing, the length of time you plan to stay in your home, your tax bracket, your lender and the local housing market. You may be a candidate for refinancing if you are paying at least 2 percentage points above the present interest rate. Since there are settlement or closing costs for refinancing, you must consider the 2-percentage point spread as a minimum. A 2-percentage point spread enables you to recover the closing costs through savings and interest payments within 2 to 3 years normally. If you plan to live in the house longer, you may consider refinancing with a difference smaller than two percent. If on the other hand, you have to pay mortgage "prepayment penalties" you may decide to wait for a larger than 2-percentage point spread.

Will I save money with a 15-year mortgage vs. a 30-year note?

The best way to answer that question is give an example. Let's suppose you have a mortgage for \$60,000 dollars at 8.5% interest.

A 30-year mortgage will cost you \$461.35 per month. If you multiply that times the 360 months which is the number of months in 30 years, you will pay payments totaling \$166,086.00.

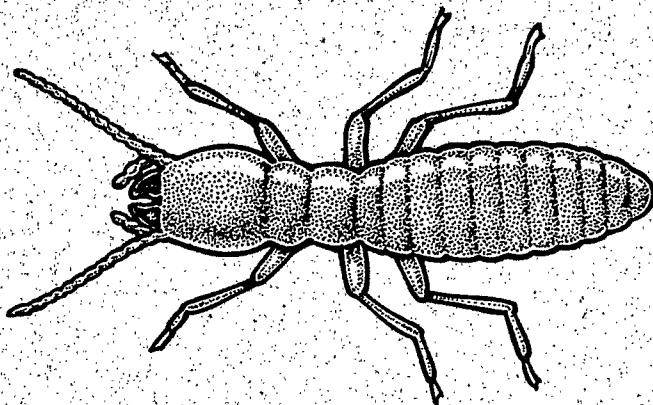
A 15-year mortgage will cost you \$590.84 per month. If you multiply that times the 180 months which is the

number of months in 15 years, you will pay payments totaling \$106,351.20.

The difference between the 15-year mortgage and the 30-year mortgage is \$59,733.80. You must consider whether your budget can handle the additional

amount each month and not impact other expenses that you will have your home.

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April showers can bring May disaster ...

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April showers may bring May flowers in most of the U.S., but on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, they can often bring more than that.

Each year Mississippi citizens lose valuable resources including life and property due to disasters. Disasters can strike at anytime and anywhere. Generally, Mississippi's weather-related emergencies are in the form of floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes, windstorms, lighting and hurricanes, all of which have the potential for property loss, injury and death.

In cooperation with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Federal Emergency Management Agency



It's important to be prepared for inclement weather on the Mississippi Gulf Coast - it doesn't always do what you expect. Tropical Storm Bill, for instance, caused the flooding shown above - wreaking more havoc than Isidore did, in some areas - even though it was considered a relatively mild storm.

through USDA, the Mississippi State University

remove the insulation, and let it dry. After removing wet insulation, wash walls with disinfectant. Spray wall cavities with one cup household bleach to a gallon of water. Allow walls to stay open 4 to 6 weeks to allow thorough drying before putting in new insulation and covering.

How do I clean my dishes and utensils?

Sterilize before using. Wash in hot sudsy water. Soak plastic, glass, porcelain, and enamelware 10 minutes in a solution of one tablespoon liquid chlorine bleach to a gallon of hot water. Rinse well.

Do not use chlorine bleach on silverware, metal dishes, or chipped enamel. Instead, scrub and scour with hot sudsy water and scouring pad. Fill metal and boil-safe utensils with water or place them in water. Bring to or near a boil for 5 minutes.

Remove rust from cooking utensils with steel wool. After scouring and sterilizing, rub items with cooking oil. Heat at a low temperature in oven for about 30 minutes.

How do I clean my rugs and carpets?

Often carpets and rugs are discarded after being soaked, but some can be saved. They may be best cleaned by professionals. If you do the work yourself, take the carpet and pad outside if possible, draping it over clotheslines, sawhorses, automobiles, or on concrete driveways. Flush soil and silt out with a water hose and spray nozzle. Add detergent if soiled. Work detergent into carpet with a broom or brush. Rinse with a solution of one gallon of water and 2 tablespoons of household bleach. Dry completely before reinstalling.

My wood furniture was soaked. Is it ruined?

If possible, remove drawers and doors from wood furniture. If they are stuck tight, remove the back and try pushing them out. If the backing board warps and

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Extension Service has provided relevant research-based information that will better aid Mississippians during emergencies and disasters.

Is it safe to turn on appliances?

Do not turn on any household appliance or equipment until you know it is clean, dry, and that rotating parts turn freely. Examine motors of pumps, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, etc. Thoroughly clean washing machines before using. Clean shaft and gears with gasoline. Wipe with a clean cloth. Oil bearings before using the appliance.

How do I dry the walls of my house after flooding?

Open the wall to the level of flooding. Use a circular saw to cut sheetrock walls in a straight line, being careful not to cut into electrical wiring. If walls are paneled, remove the baseboard and pry loose the paneling. Prop paneling away from the wall,

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needs replacing, save it to use as a pattern for a new one.

Wash loose soil from the furniture, using sudsy water and a brush.

Rinse with clear water and dry with a cloth. Let furniture and cabinets dry slowly (out of sunlight) to reduce warping and splitting. It may take several weeks or months for them to dry. Use fans, heaters, or dehumidifiers to keep air moving. After furniture has dried completely, clean the surface with mineral spirits, synthetic turpentine, or a cleanser conditioner. Test first on a spot that doesn't show.

My mattress is damp. Can I save it?

Usually mattresses are discarded, but if the outside is only slightly damp, brush off surface soil and wipe with a clean cloth dipped in diluted alcohol (one cup denatured or rubbing alcohol to one cup water) to discourage mildew.

Are dishes and utensils safe?

Use the same procedure as for canned food: wash in hot, soapy water, rinse in chlorine solution, rinse in clear water, air dry.

Floodwater in refrigerators/freezers...

No. Throw away all contents not sealed in metal cans.

Precautions when going home after a storm...

* Do not enter your house unless you are sure it is safe and not about to fall down. Air out the house for several minutes to let foul odors and gas escape. Turn off the gas at the meter or tank. Use flashlights only. NEVER MATCHES OR OTHER OPEN FLAME.

* Turn off electricity at the main switch and other circuits.

* Wet plaster is dangerous. Break down loose plaster hanging from the ceiling before moving around inside the house.



The destructive power of tropical storms even ripped huge sections out of the Garfield Lasher Pier in Waveland in 2002.

* Watch for nails, splinters, holes, crumbling foundations, and gas leaks.

* Wear boots and gloves.

* Look for snakes and rats in closets, furniture, drawers, mattresses, clothes, corners, basements, and attics.

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Bold gardeners create daring landscape look

SOUTHERN GARDENING

BY NORMAN WINTER
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There is a new, bold gardener out there stirring up excitement. What I like about the bold gardener's style is that it uses plant selections or combinations in atypical ways. The result is that we're pushed outside our comfort zone - we are challenged.

One instance of this bold style involves plants thought of as only for the southwest or perhaps Mexico. These plants typically have sword-like leaves and even prickles.

One of the most beautiful is the blue agave. This plant, usually listed as a Deep South plant, is being seen from the Coast to the Delta and back eastward across the state and performs quite well in Mississippi.

Plant the blue agave in the warmest microclimate of the landscape, usually the south or east side of the home. One common characteristic of any successful location is very good drainage.

One breathtaking Coast planting featured three blue agave plants in front of a scenic waterfall. In the Delta, the huge blue leaves were

paired with the fiery red and orange of an equally drought-tolerant lantana.

Another choice plant is the yucca. This one is really gaining in popularity and is actually being grown and produced in the Carolinas. The most popular selections feature a gold and green variegated stripe.

At the Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs, we're growing a yucca called Gold Garland that we got from Cairo, Ga. We may have stretched its comfort zone a little because we used ours as understory plantings

to large, tropical bananas. While it is unusual to combine a desert plant with a tropical one, these have partnered well and complement one another in the garden.

Even more unusual but very impressive was a group in the Delta that had red spider lilies popping up through the dagger-like yucca leaves. Folks at the Gulf Coast Garden and Patio Show oohed and ahhed over photos of this one.

Yuccas are much more cold-hardy than agaves and can be grown easily over the entire state provided you meet that same requirement: good drainage.

Another bold plant is called New Zealand flax, botanically known as a Phormium. Bodger Botanicals out of California

Norman Winter



The blue agave, usually listed as a Deep South plant, is being seen from the Coast to the Delta and back eastward across the state and performs quite well in Mississippi.

introduced the Lancer series to the gardening world, and just about everyone wants one.

The plant was a virtual unknown to most gardeners in the South until the Lancer series made its debut. As the



The fans formed by the New Zealand flax are reminiscent of a yucca or perhaps some kind of dracaena. These can get quite large, reaching 4 to 5 feet in height.

learning curve was developing, many suggested it would not survive the winters, but reports from Texas say it will remain green with temperatures in the mid-teens and root-hard to the single digits. The reddish flowers have lots of nectar for hummingbirds, and it is drought-resistant once established.

The fans formed by the New Zealand flax are reminiscent of a yucca or perhaps some kind of dracaena. These can get quite large, reaching 4 to 5 feet in height. The most sought-after have dark burgundy and gold variegation. So far it seems the most popular use is as a center plant in a large, mixed container.



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Give your lawn a 30-minute makeover

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Well-dressed folks have known the secret for years: A new set of clothes can help put a spring in your step and a smile on your face.

Your lawn can benefit from a little dressing up now and then, as well: A quick, easy and inexpensive process called "top-dressing" can help reduce disease, thatch and the amount of water, fertilizer and pesticides your lawn requires.

According to gardening expert Gerry Hood, top-dressing can give you a fashionable lawn without paying designer prices. "It's like buying a brand new outfit for your yard," he says.

Hood says to top-dress your yard, simply spread a 1/4- to 1/2-inch layer of Canadian sphagnum peat moss over the entire lawn with a leaf rake once every year or two, anytime from early spring to late fall. Peat moss helps condition the soil so that in dry weather, the lawn holds moisture better. If your lawn is sparse, mix in seed with the peat moss when you're top-dressing, and spread it with a rake. Depending on the size of your lawn, the whole process will probably take just a half-hour or so, but the benefits will last throughout the year.



FOR THE BEST RESULTS, spread a 1/4-inch layer of peat moss over the lawn once every year or two.

The peat moss (available in 3.8 cubic-foot bales at home and garden centers) will gradually condition the soil and save water by absorbing and holding moisture.

The lawn will also require less fertilizer because peat moss reduces leaching of nutrients and releases them slowly over time.

To get the maximum benefits from top-dressing, yard-care experts recommend aerating your lawn first. Aeration removes plugs of soil from the lawn, loosening compacted areas and promoting

deeper grass root growth. You can rent a power aerator or hire a local lawn-care specialist to aerate for you.

Much like a person's immune system, a healthy lawn also helps keep away pests, reducing the need for pesticides. "Healthy soil is the first step toward a healthy lawn," Hood says. "And top-dressing with peat moss is a simple way to begin."

In just 30 minutes, your lawn will be well on its way to becoming healthier and heartier — and your neighbors will be green with envy.

Keep kids safe in your yard this summer

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Each spring, homeowners everywhere start their lawn mowers, tractors and hedge trimmers to keep their green spaces looking great. What's not great, though, is that some people use old, unsafe operating habits that might cause an accident involving children.

"Most of these injuries can be prevented if young children are properly supervised or simply kept out of the work area," said Heather Paul, executive director of

the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. "Parents must not allow children to play in an area where someone is operating a lawn mower or riding mower or any outdoor power equipment."

To keep your yard beautiful and safe, follow these safety tips:

- Keep children away from the work area. Period. Kids should remain inside while any type of walk-behind, riding or hand-held outdoor power equipment is used.
- Riding mowers are

designed for just that: mowing while riding. Riding mowers have many safety features for the operator but are not built for passengers or for towing children behind mowers in carts or trailers.

- Children should not be permitted to play on or around the mower when it is in use or in storage. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.

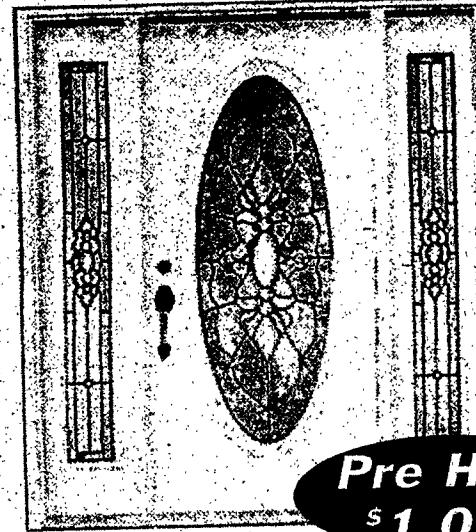
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over your yard's new look.

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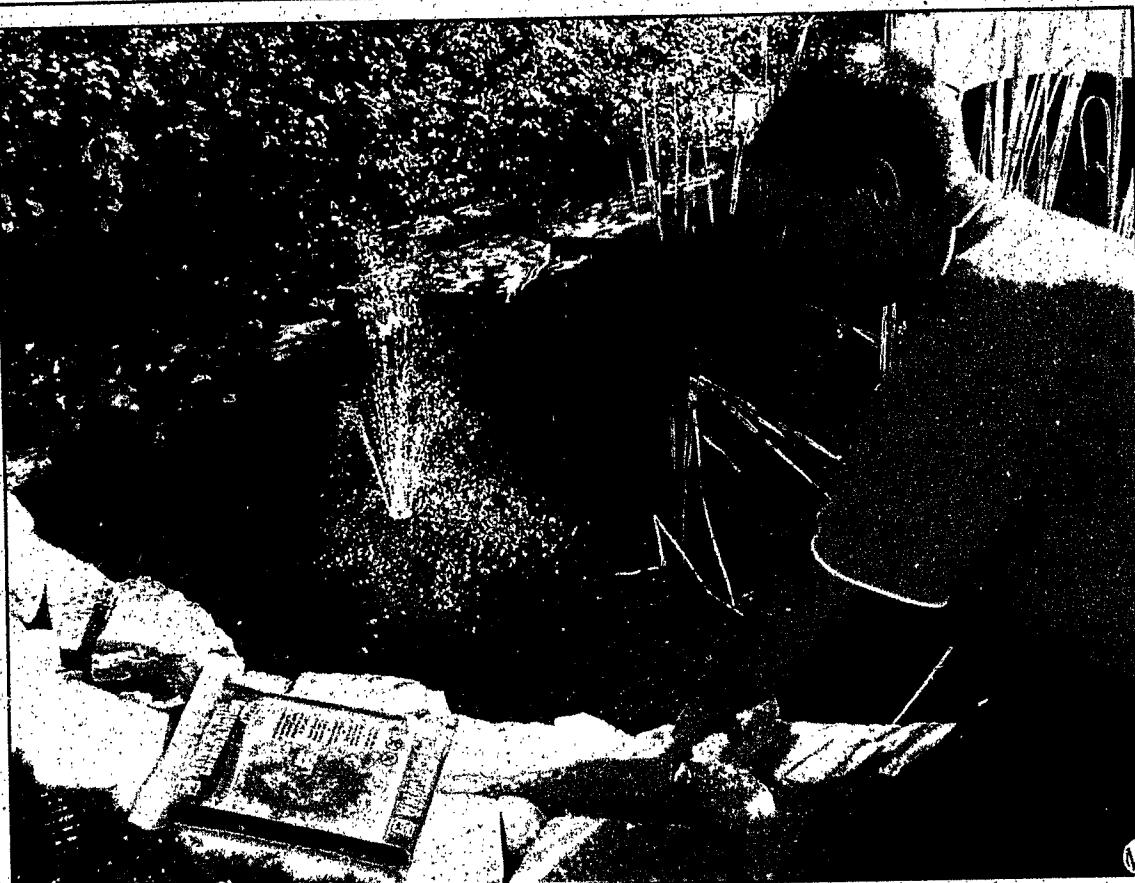
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A water garden is a pool of water that contains plants and possibly fish and other creatures. You don't need a pond or an enormous back- yard to create an aquatic garden. You can make a water garden anywhere — even in a wide, shallow container.

Many people are intim- idated by the thought of water gardening; they think it's difficult to create and maintain an aquatic garden. That's not true. Water gardening is like any other type of gardening. It just requires a little planning.

Before you build your aquatic garden, do some research. More than seven million people participate in water gardening, so there are numerous books, magazines and Web sites available for help. In addition to reading, talk to people who have

about what has worked for them.

Once you've determined what type of water garden you'd like and where you'd like it (sunny areas are best), the next thing you need to do is think about maintenance. To ensure that your aquatic plants stay healthy, you'll want to feed them properly.

To keep maintenance minimal, use a good fertilizer to help your aquatic plants grow and develop. The pros recommend you use a slow release fertilizer, as they are the most convenient and can be easily applied. Jobe's® Fertilizer Spikes for Aquatic Plants will suit your needs. Just push them into the soil and you'll be set. Your plants will receive the nutrients they need without promoting algae growth. In addition, Jobe's Spikes are safe to use if you have fish in your garden because they're compatible with Koi and other varieties of fish and wildlife.

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Turf Wars: Strike a fair compromise with your pet

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Sure you love your beloved dog Buddy and cat Muffy. You want your pets to be able to run, jump and play freely about the yard. But you don't want them ruining your lawn when they "do their business." It is possible for both of you to cohabit freely and enjoy your yard in the process. Here are some tips, courtesy of Home and Garden Television and the Purdue University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Wellness Clinic.

CATS

One of the best ways to deter cats from using your yard as a litter box is to make it uncomfortable anywhere you don't want them. Conversely, make it as comfortable as possible where you would like them to litter. For example, cover cat-prone backyard areas with pine cones, sweetgum balls, chestnut husks, rosebush or bramble clippings or other material. Cats also like to dig and kick away soil to create the perfect spot. Deter this by spacing plants closely. If plants aren't mature yet, lay chicken wire on top of them — a sensation your cat will not like underfoot.

If your cat spends time indoors and outdoors, but is relegated to using an indoor litter box, make that litter box continually inviting. Keep the box clean and free of waste at all times so your finicky cats won't decide to look for new places to relieve themselves ... namely on your favorite plants.

You can also create a cat haven in your yard by planting them their own garden. It can include plants like catmint, cat they and catnip. Remember, however, that not all cats will be attracted to such plants.

DOGS

Dogs are often caught between a rock and a hard place. They are not allowed to

relieve themselves indoors, and often must settle on restricted areas to take care of business. Lawn-lovers do not want to forgo their attractive lawn for one with brown spots. However, there are ways to make do.

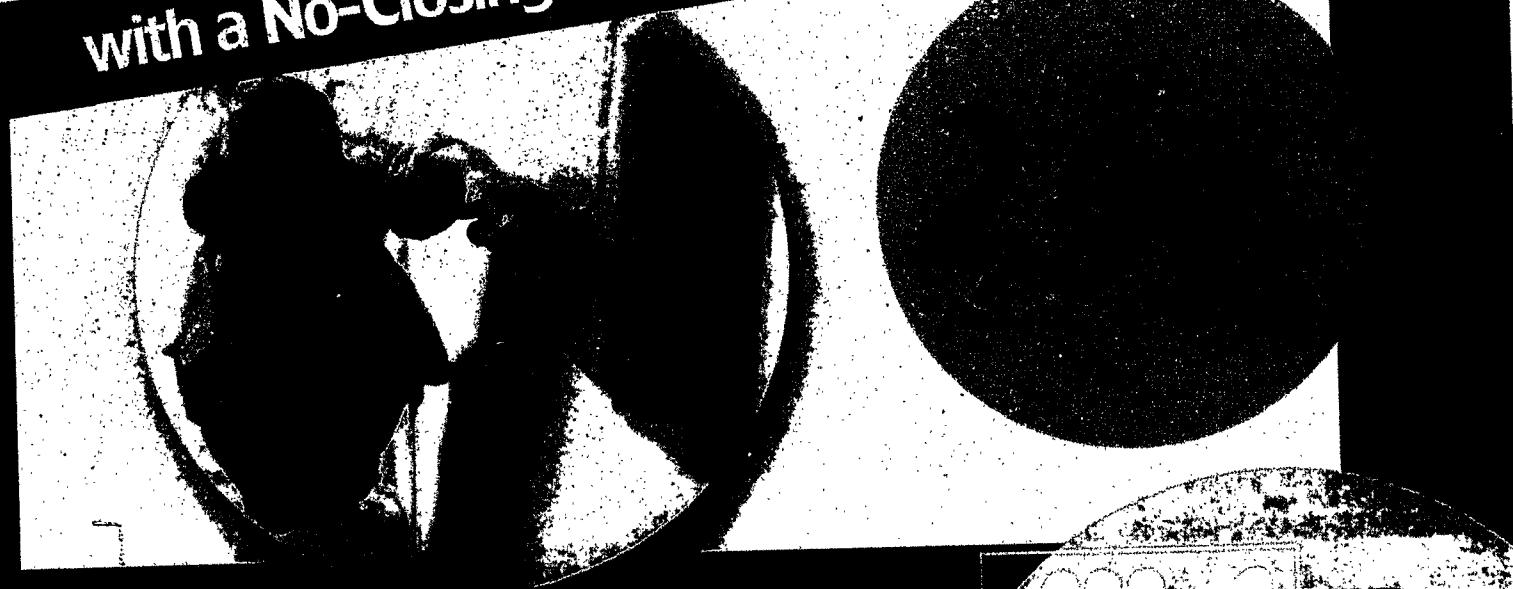
To remedy the problem, it helps if you understand why brown, burnt spots happen. The fundamental problem with the presence of urine or feces on a lawn relates to the nitrogen content and concentration of these waste products. Dogs and cats are both carnivores, and there is an abundance of nitrogen that

must be removed from the animals' bodies because of their high-protein diet. Unfortunately, nitrogen can damage even the most tolerant lawns. Urine poses the greatest threat because its nitrogen is so concentrated. Female dogs or males who "squat" are often the culprits of the most damage because the urine pools in one general area. To alleviate the situation, frequently dissipate dog urine by hosing down the problem areas. Also, promptly pick up solid waste so nitrogen will not seep into the ground.

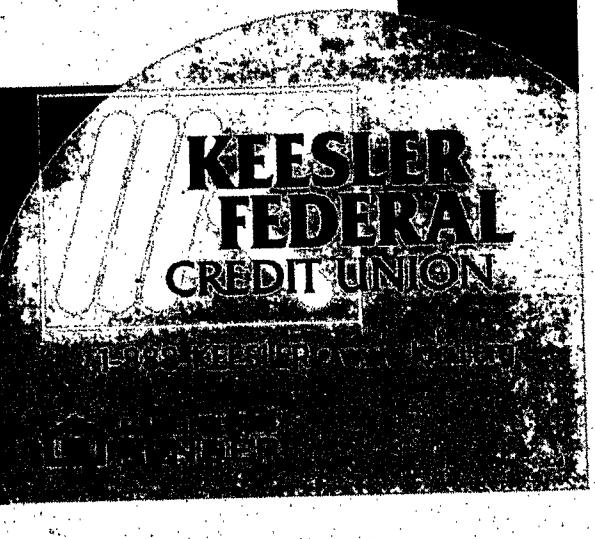


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Clermont Harbor...

In Hancock County, eye-pleasing gardens are both a family retreat and a source of family pride — especially in Clermont Harbor, where neighbors compete to create the perfect outdoor atmosphere. Five Clermont Harbor families took shared their backyard oases with us.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter



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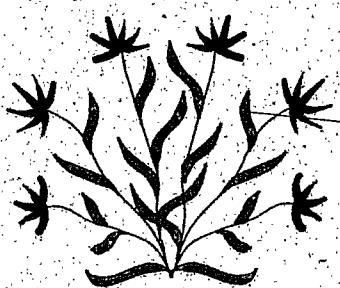
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Just one of several tranquil garden spots outside the Clermont Harbor home of Laurie Gordon and David "Cairo" Wheeler.



Garden treasures bring Clermont families pleasure

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air, flowers are beginning to bloom and trees are beginning to bud. For many area residents this is a favorite time of year to get out and work in the garden or to create a small restful space outdoors to just sit and relax. Whatever their style or their space, Clermont Harbor residents are no different in their love of outdoor spaces. Even though some flowers were not yet in bloom, five neighborhood families agreed to share a little of their favorite outdoor spaces with us last week. The styles range from neat as a pin to wild and wonderful...

Stan and Lynn Bigelow have lived in Clermont Harbor about three years full time. They have added about 500 sq. ft. to their home and done extensive work inside.

Now they are ready to concentrate on yard work, Lynn says.

The couple loves to shop antique stores and flea markets everywhere their travels take them, and have treasures from as far away as Scotland. Now that the indoors is full of treasures, Lynn says, the yard will become the next home for the couple's passion of collecting. The highlight of the yard so far is an antique dolphin light post found at a store in Ponchatoula, LA., but who knows what the Bigelows will find next.

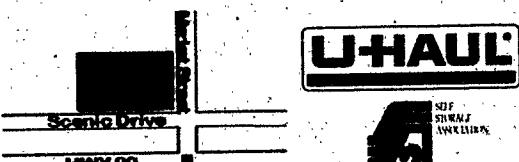
Charles and Betty Boudreux have lived in their two story Clermont Harbor home for only about a year. The creation of an outdoor space is just getting under way for the Boudreuxs, but their neat as a pin style has already won them the Clean and

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Stan and Lynn Bigelow comb through antique shops and flea markets to find unique ornaments for their gardens.

Beautiful Award from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce' Beautification Committee. The Boudreauxs intend to add palms and a patio courtyard. "A little here and a little there," said Betty.

Laurie Gordon and David "Cairo" Wheeler have lived in the neighborhood about 12 years. Both are artists, Laurie a painter who also works with mixed media and Cairo a woodworker. The two have turned their five lots into a wild and wonderful enchanted park setting, complete with an artist's studio and boat launch.

Bamboo runs rampant along the property line serving as a natural privacy fence. Paths made of wood planks or pine chips twist and turn to the many different areas of the "park," ending up at a boat launch at a creek that can take you all the way to the Sound at high tide. A "tree house" in the backyard fulfills a childhood fantasy for both Cairo and Laurie, she says, because neither ever had one as a child.

Ina and Dan Day live in the house where Ina grew up. Though Ina went off to see the world, she knew she would return to the little house in Clermont Harbor, she said.

Her father built the house in 1945 and she couldn't wait to get back to it. The main features of the yard are a

pool and a 35 year old Wisteria Vine. An Oak tree, that had withstood both the 1947 hurricane and Camille was destroyed in Hurricane

George, the Days said, narrowly missing their neighbor's house. The storm did no

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Ina and Dan Day live in the home where Ina grew up. "I went to see the world, but knew I would come home," Ina said.

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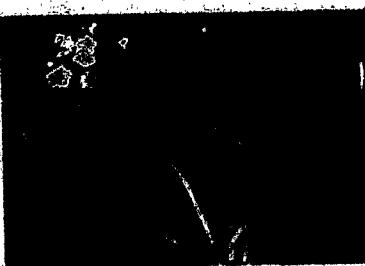
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Charles and Betty Boudreax's garden recently won the "Clean and Beautiful Award" from the Chamber.

damage to a \$300 lattice work fence just a few feet away, Ina said. The Days plan to add a deck at some point.

Dawn and Craig Vosbein bought their small camp in October of 1995 and have since added on several rooms including a detached hot tub room out back.

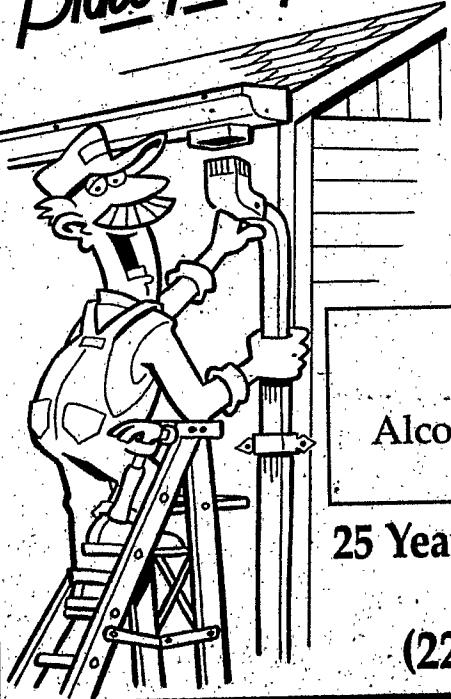
The yard features paths and walkways to small inti-

mate spaces filled with plants and flowers and yard art. Very little grass is seen and the Vosbein's planned it that way to save on maintenance and watering. They love the area, says Craig, because it is a great, hassle free place to live. Both contribute to the gardening, though Dawn does a most of the planning, Craig said.



The Days enjoy their patio area now, but plan to build a deck later.

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A path through the woods at the home of Laurie Gordon and David "Cairo" Wheeler.

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Tight quarters call for container gardening

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Spring is in the air and as a gardener, you can't wait to get out there and plant. What do you do if you don't have a yard? The answer is easy — container gardening.

With container gardening, you're bound only by your imagination. It's great for apartment dwellers, gardeners with small yards or gardeners who are currently renting a home. It's also ideal for people who want to experiment with different flowers and plants.

Another plus to container gardening is its versatility. If you don't like where you've put your "garden," just pick it up and move it. Potted plants look great in groups so try arranging them in a variety of ways and again, if you don't like the arrangement, change it.

To start, find some unique containers. Be creative — look beyond the basic flowerpot. Wooden barrels, old wheelbarrows or interesting antiques can house a garden. Don't forget about window boxes and hanging baskets. Be sure your containers have

drainage holes in the bottom. If they don't, drill a few. Next, fill your container with a quality sterile potting soil within an inch of the rim. Now it is time to add your plants.

One of the greatest joys of container gardening is that you can try different plants and flowers without a lot of cost. Are there some bulbs or perennials you've always wanted to plant, but weren't too sure they'd do well where you live? With container gardening, you can purchase a couple at a time and give them a try.

Place your newly planted containers in a location that provides proper lighting for your plants and don't forget

to water them. This is where most mistakes are made in plant care — too much or too little water brings disaster. You should water plants when soil feels dry below the surface.

To keep containerized plants healthy, always fertilize them. Jobe's® Fertilizer Spikes are reliable because they feed the plants at the root, where they need it most. Gardeners have used these spikes for years because they consistently produce healthy and vigorous plants. Jobe's slow release formula provides the right amount of fertilizer without washing through when watering. Once they're inserted, your plants will be set for months.

Jobe's Spikes are easy to use. Push them into the soil and then water immediately after application. You don't have to worry about a mess, like you do when you use spray or granule fertilizers.

The spikes come in a variety of formulas, several of which are perfect for containerized gardens, like Jobe's Spikes for Potted Plants and Hanging Baskets, Jobe's Spikes for Bulbs and Perennials, Jobe's Spikes for Houseplants, and Jobe's Spikes for Flowering Plants.

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

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1. Amend soil annually. Add 2 inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend, and work it into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. Use peat moss to amend the soil when planting trees or gardens, adding a lawn or transplanting shrubs. The better your soil, the healthier your plants and the easier it will be to garden.

2. Water regularly and feed when necessary. Feel the soil to decide when your plants need more water. Fertilize when your plants need it — not just when you get around to it. Too much fertilizer causes as much harm as too little, resulting in a scorched or burned look to the foliage, or fast, rank growth more susceptible to insects and disease. Read and follow label instructions.

3. Mulch is a must. Mother Nature never intended soil to



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be naked. A mulch is like frosting on a cake — you could do without, but why would you want to? A few inches of an organic mulch will conserve moisture, block weeds, equalize soil temperature and slowly feed the plants.

4. Be picky about your

plants. Choose varieties that offer more than one season of interest: spring flowering trees with interesting bark in the winter, or blooming shrubs with the added bonus of winter berries or autumn foliage color.

5. Compost. Nothing else does so much for so little. By layering green material (a source of nitrogen), such as grass clippings, weeds and pruning crumbs with brown material (a source of carbon), such as fallen leaves, peat moss or soil, you can create a rich, black compost. This mixture is perfect as an additive to poor soil or as a feeding mulch.

6. Walk your garden frequently. This will encourage you to deadhead, pick weeds, and appreciate the small details and tiny miracles that make gardening so satisfying.

7. Garden and learn. Avoid costly mistakes by reading, talking to other gardeners and sharing information. The education of a gardener can be just as enjoyable as the hobby itself. After all, they're both about growing.

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‘Season’ your garden design with herbs

THE SEA COAST ECHO

With trusty shopping list in hand, you head out to the local gardening center enthused about the prospect of starting your seasonal plantings. Amongst the rows of flowering perennials and annuals you will find a series of plants — herbs — far less flamboyant in foliage. However, what herbs lack in visual impact, they certainly make up for in their aroma, and later, flavor in your cooking.

Many gardening enthusiasts would like to add an herb garden to their current landscaping design, but do not know where to begin. Remember — planting herbs requires as much planning and soil preparation as those beds of daffodils and tulips lining your front entrance.

According to avid gardener Ann McCormick (www.ann-mccormick.com) following are the steps you should take on the way to a healthy herb garden.

SPOT YOUR PLOT

While not all backyards contain the ideal conditions, look for as many of the following as possible:

- Soil containing equal parts of sand, loam, and clay, which also has good drainage.

- Ground with a pH that is neutral or slightly alkaline. (Check your garden center for a common pH testing kit.)

- At least four hours of direct sun.

- A weed- and stone-free spot.

SOIL COMPOSITION

To better access the soil, get a bit dirty. Take a portion of it in your hand and squeeze. If it crumbles when you release, you probably have a good soil ratio. However, if it retains its shape, you probably have a high clay content. In most cases, you cannot go wrong mixing in a bit of organic matter.

GARDEN GEOGRAPHY

Take a moment to note the



Fresh herbs can dress up both your garden and your dinner table.

overall layout and drainage of your proposed herb garden. Ask a couple of questions: When it rains, where does the water go? Where does it puddle? What spots seem to dry out quickly? If your plot is in an area with poor drainage, a self-made “dam” of pebbles or decorative stones can alleviate the problem. Additionally, you may need to consider a raised bed to avoid rotting roots down the line.

LET THE SUN SHINE

Herbs generally need four to six hours of direct sunlight for maximum growth potential. Keep direct sunlight in mind when plotting out your herb garden.

Where possible, try to protect your herbs from direct weather and wind. Consider a simple picket fence or taller row of plants to shelter your herbs from the elements.

ELIMINATE OTHER OBSTACLES

Also take into consideration other possible obstacles that can foil your herb garden plans. Make sure

surrounding trees and shrubbery are pruned to allow optimal sunlight exposure to your herb garden.

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deter animals from using your herbs as their toilet area and to keep insect life at bay. Also encourage family members to be careful around the herb garden to prevent trampling of the plants.

maintenance than perennials, therefore plant them where they can be easily reached. However, taller annuals like dill, lovage and angelica may need to be planted in the back so they don’t tower over other smaller herbs.

- Don’t plant tall plants in front of short plants, which can inhibit proper sun exposure.

- Consider colors and textures when planting. While herb flowers are individually inconspicuous, in mass plantings they can be very pleasing.

For more information on herb gardens, consult with the experts at your local garden center.

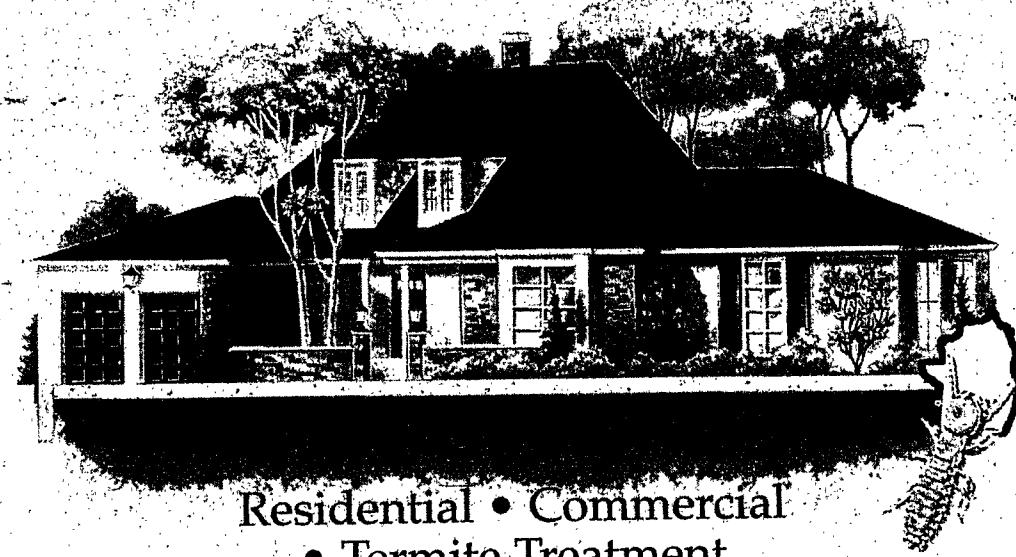
PLANT CONSIDERATIONS

Now that you have mapped out your ideal garden spot, it is time to think about what herbs you would like to include in the garden. While there are many themes you can follow, select herbs that you find appealing both in scent and in taste.

A few general planting tips to keep in mind include:

- Annuals require more

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breeding for disease resistance as well as for the other attributes consumers demand — lots of flowers, fragrance, and, in cold climates, winter hardiness. In



'FIREFIGHTER' is a fragrant red hybrid tea rose that honors our nation's firefighters.

fact, many of the newer varieties of everblooming roses available today are very disease-resistant. Extreme weather, however, such as days on end of cool temperatures and lots of rain, test rose disease resistance to the maximum. It's just a fact.

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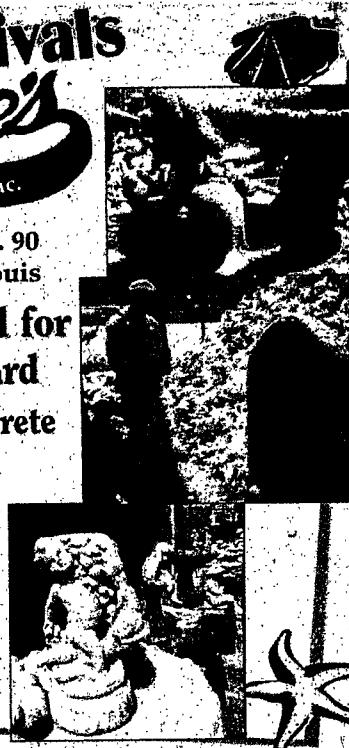


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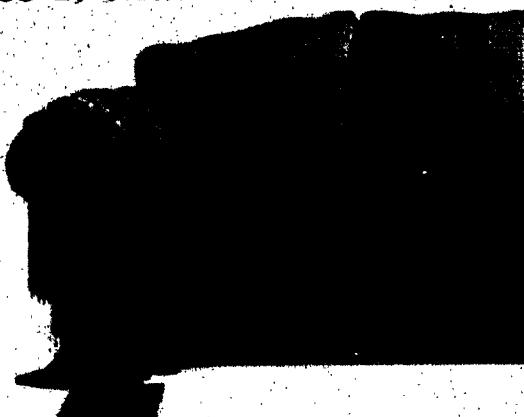
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Leisure survival, the outside story

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For the leisure products you purchase to "dress" your backyard, survival in the outdoors is essential. You do not need to be located on a deserted island to be concerned with survival of the features and benefits of your outdoor furnishings and their ability to provide years of enjoyment.

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CREATE A LEISURE SPOT with a rope hammock.

outdoor space require your attention to survival details when purchasing and using them. And, what better product to explore its ability to keep "hanging around" for years than your own piece of paradise, your hammock? Although created to provide comfort in a tradition that is over one hundred years old, modern technology is being used to provide longer outdoor life for even the hammock. Survival for the many features of a hammock can be related to other natural, handcrafted, outdoor furniture.

Hanging Hardware — Tree hooks, hanging chain, and hooks to attach the hammock to trees, posts, or purchased stands are what are considered the hammock's hanging hardware. "With every hammock, this is the point at which strength and long life is vital," says J.R. Pelletier, The Hammock Company.com. Look for a hammock that provides hanging hardware crafted of heavy-duty steel for strength, with a durable plated finish, such as a zinc plating, to prevent rusting in

the elements. **Hammock Body** — The most popular hammock available is the cotton rope hammock. Although this hammock provides superior comfort, technology today has been created to take it to a new level of weather resistance. Synthetic rope has been crafted that offers the softness of cotton while providing all the latest features for long life in the outdoors. This rope and fabric, marketed under the name of DuraCord®, was created to answer the search for a soft outdoor material that is colorfast. "This yarn also resists staining, mildew growth, and provides the user with a cool feeling as it draws moisture away from the body," says Laurie Rudd, creative director for The HammockSource. The colorfast property is the same used in colorfast outdoor fabrics — solution dying. Solution dying in yarns occurs when the solution is dyed first before being made into yarn. As a result, bleach cannot harm the hammock ropes or fabric made from this yarn and the yarns have the ability to resist fading in

the sun. That's survival.

Additional Hammock Features — Survival also equates to lasting looks in the outdoors. The spreader bar in a hammock should be constructed of a hard wood such as solid oak for strength. "Triple hand dipping of marine varnish by the manufacturer will preserve the look and life," says Chuck Sineath, president, Nags Head Hammocks. No detail should be overlooked when it comes to long life. Grommets are used in the assembly of all fabric hammocks and swings. For long outdoor life, look for those constructed of brass. They offer lasting beauty and are non-rusting.

Hammock Stands — A hammock stand, which eliminates the need for conveniently placed trees, will survive years of use when it is constructed of durable materials. Three preferred materials are heavy duty or 12-gauge steel, stainless steel and cypress wood. The steel stand of this weight will provide sturdy and safe use. A durable finish is a must. The most durable for the outdoors is a powder coat finish. This finish bonds with the steel to encase the metal and eliminates the occurrence of rusting. A stainless steel stand is perfect for beach-side locales that need a product that can withstand even the trauma saltwater imposes. Although usually more expensive, stainless steel is worth it when survival from long exposure to the elements is required. Cypress wood hammock stands are naturally long lasting. Cypress wood, which is grown in hot and moist climates, carries those properties into leisure furniture. It is naturally able to well withstand the elements of the sun and rain and continue to provide years of use.

Create a Leisure Survival Spot — A key to surviving in hectic times is the creation of a place to relax and recharge. However, for this relaxation spot, weather resistance is the key to its survival. Look for features and finishes to make your quiet backyard spot a true survivor.

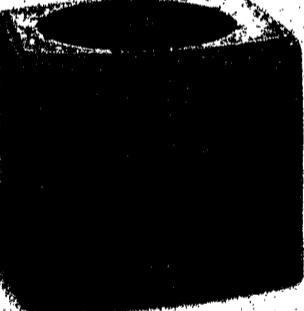
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Create beauty and wonder in your backyard by simply planting some flowers to attract butterflies.

Create a butterfly retreat in your yard

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Flowers and plants in your garden or window box may look lovely, but imagine the increased appeal if butterflies called your garden home. Making your garden inviting to these colorful, fluttering visitors involves just a little planning and selecting of butterfly-friendly foliage.

The basic needs of butterflies is relatively simple: food, water, sunlight and shelter. A butterfly garden is best planted in the sun so that the nectar-producing plants butterflies love will be able to flourish. The sun also regulates the temperature of a butterfly's body, enabling it to fly. However, shadier areas should be interspersed so that the butterflies don't overheat.

Nectar-Producing Plants
— Nectar is the primary food

for hungry butterflies. Plants like Aster, Butterfly Bush, Daisy, Honeysuckle, Lilac and Phlox are just some of many nectar-producing plants. Butterfly species in your local area may prefer specific plants, so a little research may be needed on your part.

Host Plants — Butterflies begin with caterpillars, and as such, the garden will also require host plants to nourish the growing larvae. Local 'weeds', thistle, nettle and tree leaves are popular food sources for the caterpillars. While not as pleasing to the eye, they are necessary to maintain a healthy species.

Water — Butterflies need water, but cannot directly "drink" from open water sources. They prefer landing on moist soil, so place a shallow dish full of moistened sand at ground level.

Mowing

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area, and store the ignition key away from a parked mower when not in use.

- Clear the mowing area of any objects such as twigs, stones and toys that could be picked up and thrown by lawn mower blades.

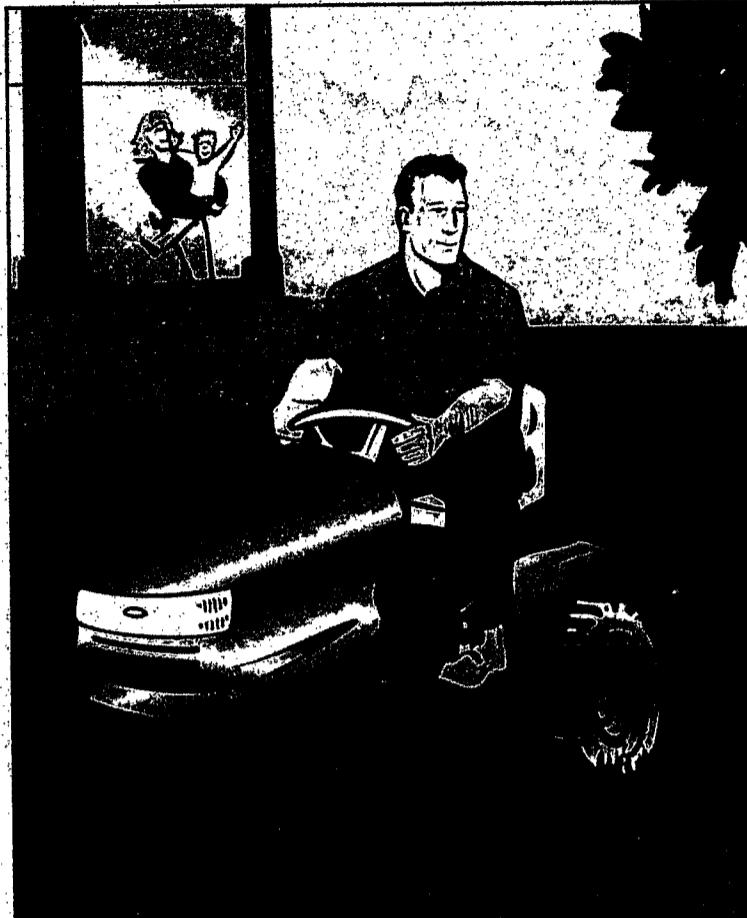
- Always look down and behind for children before, and while, backing up.

- Do not allow a child to operate a riding mower, or any type of outdoor power equipment. Only allow responsible adults who are familiar with the instructions to operate a riding mower.

If necessary, hire a babysitter for an hour or two while you're doing your yard-work.

Babysitters can be a cost effective way to help you prevent injuries.

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spacious home combines old world elegance with the comfort and convenience of a modern setting. Evelyn's decorating talent clearly enhances each room. From the secret hideaway for the grandchildren to the billiards room, there is definitely something for everyone. Evelyn describes her home as an eclectic blend of the old and the new. The DeStefano's collections and antiques are beautifully utilized throughout the home.

- Home of Ron & Judy Rech, 792 Ewa Court.

This two-year-old home was designed by Judy to take advantage of the golf course view. Large windows make the outdoors a significant part of the interior design. Wall niches and cabinets display a large Lladro collection. This home's Southwest influence reflects the Rechs' years spent in Arizona. In addition, you don't want to miss "Ron's House" off the breezeway.

- Home of Pat McLeod, 690 Apuwi Place.

One of the McLeods' goals in planning a retirement home was to blend functionality with ease of maintenance. Antiques combined with modern pieces create an interesting home further enhanced by glowing hardwood floors. The minimal adornment of the windows provides views of Pat's extensive garden from each room. The result is a gracious and inviting home.

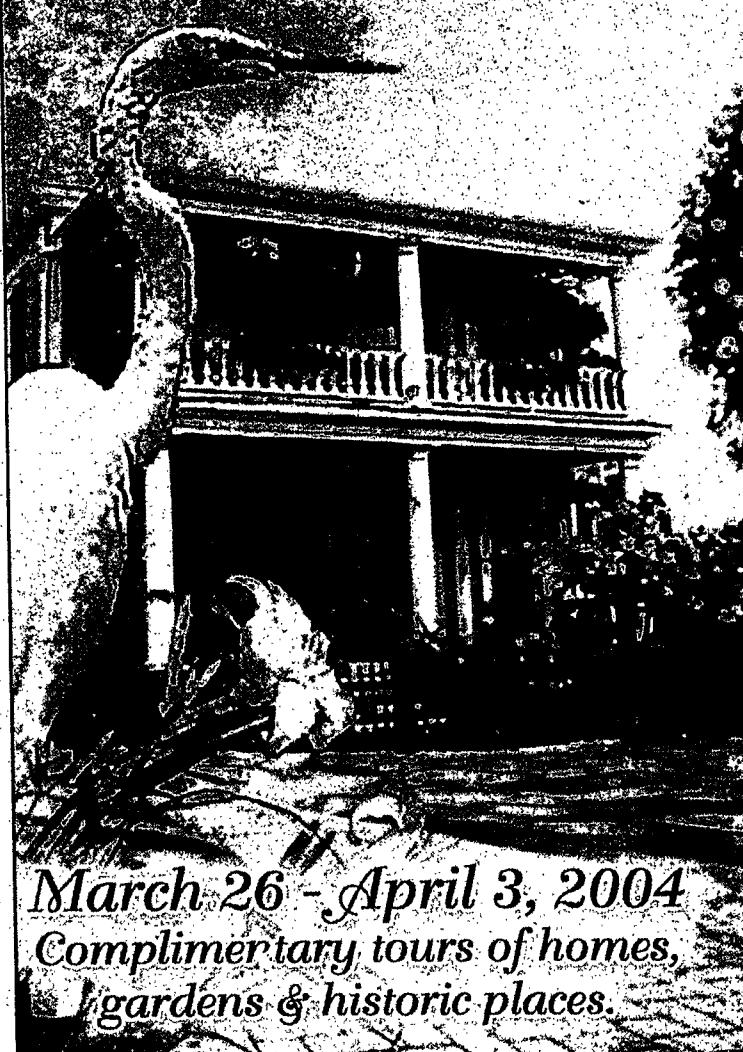
- Garden of James & Eilene Broome, 68221 Diamondhead Drive East.

From the mature hardwoods to the understory of a large variety of flowering shrubs, perennials and ground cover, a tranquil shade garden has been created. A multi-tiered water feature adds a beautiful focal point in the backyard. Each

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year, Eilene enjoys experimenting with new plants in this "work in progress."

- Home and garden of Linda and Darryl Melton, 573 Alkii Way.

Linda's enthusiasm for decorating and collecting is evidenced as you tour the home. Her artwork and col-

lections are used as highlights in each area. The Meltons are especially proud of the 1860 Eastlake settee and antique porcelain dolls.

Although they have lived in their home for less than a year, Linda has already created a restful haven in her back garden.

Special Garden District Home Tour honors Women's History

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Coliseum Square Association proudly presents its 32nd Annual House Tour of the Lower Garden District in New Orleans today, March 28. The tour is celebrating National Women's History Month and is honoring "Women of the Lower Garden District - Their Homes, Their Life and Their Legacy." The association will be honoring women whose work left a lasting legacy in our city, state and nation. They are Sophie Bell Wright, Eleanor McMain, Grace King, Kate Chopin, Lillian Hellman, Dr. Sara Tew Mayo, Margaret Haughery and

Beverly Bryant. Guided Tours begin at 11:00 a.m. from historic Coliseum Square, a beautiful urban park designed by prominent 19th century architect and surveyor, Bartheleme Lafon. Tours depart every fifteen minutes until 3:00 p.m.

Five wonderful, historic houses will open their doors exclusively for the tour including the homes of educator Sophie Bell Wright, 19th century writer Grace King and legendary playwright Lillian Hellman, which was named a National Literary Landmark by the Friends of Libraries USA in January 2002.

Her play, *Toys In The Attic*, was based on her Aunt Jenny and Aunt Hannah Hellman who owned and operated it as a boarding house. St. Vincent's Infant Asylum (now St. Vincent's Guest House), the brick and mortar legacy of inspirational philanthropist Margaret Haughery, will also be a part of the tour. The traditional "Lagniappe" house is also included. It is a grand home midway a major historic restoration.

Former Congresswoman and Ambassador to the Vatican, the honorable Lindy Boggs will lead a discussion and presentation of the role of women in New Orleans history which will be held in the home of educator Sophie



Guided tours begin in New Orleans at 11 a.m. today for the "Women of the Lower Garden District - Their Homes, Their Life and Their Legacy," in honor of National Women's History Month.

Bell Wright beginning at 10:00 a.m. Authors Mary Gehman, Women of New Orleans, a history and Dr. Emily Toth, Unveiling Kate Chopin are also participating in the discussion. A special Sunday Crescent City Farmers Market will be in the park beginning at 10:00 a.m. along with area artists, baked goods, refreshments,

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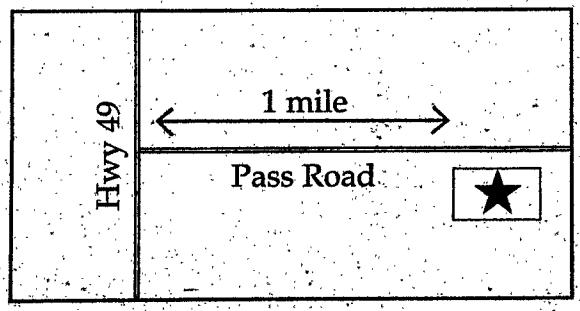
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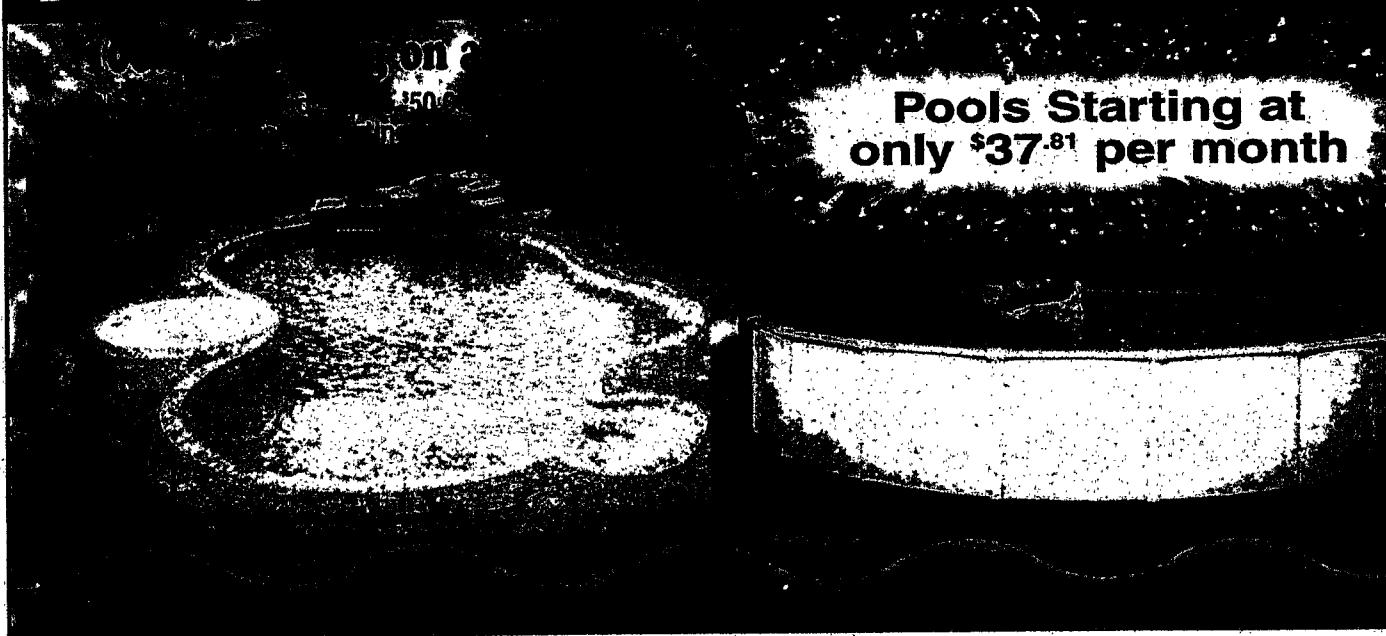


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Celebrity Scoop

Checking in with Ice-T

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There's a good reason Ice-T cuts so close to the bone in his portrayal of New York Police Detective Odafin "Fin" Tutuola on NBC's Tuesday-night drama "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

In a sense, this is a role he's been rehearsing for all his life.

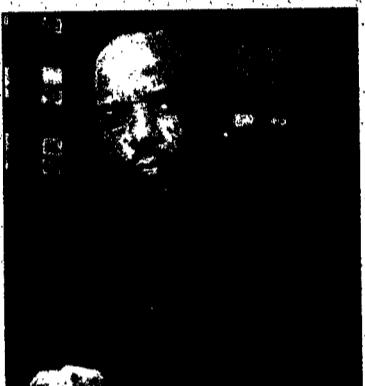
"I'm basically playing myself if I was a cop," the New Jersey-born actor explains. "It's what ('L&O' executive producer) Dick Wolf told me he wanted."

If his tough performance seems real, it comes in what may seem an unlikely role to many. After all, a decade or so ago, Ice-T found himself at the center of a firestorm of controversy over his rap song "Cop Killer," a piece that became a flashpoint in the debate over whether the media glorified violence.

Still, the actor says he took it in stride when Wolf approached him about playing a gritty New York cop in this first spinoff to the mega-hit "Law & Order."

"With anyone else, maybe I would have been surprised, but Dick Wolf is an edgy guy," Ice-T says. "I had played a bad guy on his 'New York Undercover,' so he knew what I was about. He could read me. I don't think any of these other TV execs would have had the (guts) to do that."

Orphaned at an early age, Ice-T acknowledges that he fell in with Los Angeles gangs before a stint in the U.S. Army helped him focus on his priorities. An invitation to rap in the 1984 movie hit "Breakin'" led to more film roles, in addition to a recording career as a "gangsta rapper." He also is a published author and clothing entrepreneur.



Ice-T

Small wonder, then, that while Ice-T says he loves juicy scripts, "I love it when I have only a couple of lines in an episode, because that means I have more time off that week!"

Birthdate: Feb. 16, 1958.
Birth name: Tracy Marrow.
Marital status: Married to Darlene Ortiz since 1986; two children, Letesha and Tracy Jr. (aka "Little Ice").
His stage name: "Ice-T" is a tribute to the late Robert Maupin Beck III, a former pimp whose novels, written under the name of Iceberg Slim, were set in the criminal underworld.
Military service: U.S. Army, 1979-81.
Film credits include: "New Jack City", "Ricochet", "Tank Girl", "Johnny Mnemonic", "Judgment Day", "3000 Miles to Graceland", "The Wrecking Crew", "The Heist", "Kept", "Stranded", "On the Edge", "Tracks."



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Featured

Viewers will enjoy serving time

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A promising new ABC family sitcom takes the premise of an old NBC favorite - "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" - and stands it on its head, while carving out a distinctive niche all its own.

"The Big House," which begins a limited test run Friday, April 2, showcases likeable stand-up comedian Kevin Hart as a spoiled college kid who has been living a pampered lifestyle in Malibu until his widowed dad, an investment manager, is convicted of embezzling a fortune from his clients.

With his dad in prison, Kevin is shipped off to the Philadelphia home of the Clevelands: Aunt Tina (Armenia Walker, "Nurses"); Uncle Clarence (Keith David, "Barbershop") and three cousins - mountain-sized Warren (Faizon Love, "El") - testy Eartha (Yvette Nicole Brown, "Girlfriends") and bratty CJ (Aaron Grady).

Kevin, who is used to calling his own shots since his mother's death a few years earlier, experiences severe culture shock as he starts life again at the bottom - literally, since he has to share a basement bedroom with Warren. He also chafes under the house rules, better known as "the three B's: be honest, be humble and behave," as well as the watchful eye of Aunt Tina, who keeps him on a short leash.

Obviously, this is familiar sitcom turf in many respects, but "The Big House" benefits from Hart's sunny amiability as well as his shrewd decision not to hog the spotlight. This sitcom is a Hart vehicle only in a superficial sense and, even from the premiere episode, a strong sense of ensemble prevails.

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Cover Story

'Joan' resonates with a diverse audience

By John Crook
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God's chosen teenager is battling a devil of a cold.

"If I sound like a frog, it's because I've got a lot of them in here," Amber Tamblyn says apologetically, pointing to her throat as she settles into a chair on a front porch set for "Joan of Arcadia."

In this shadowy corner of a Sony Studios soundstage, the 20-year-old actress looks pale but pretty, wearing one of Joan's schlumper coats and clasping a wadded tissue in her fist as she talks about her hit Friday night series, which won a People's Choice Award in January as favorite new drama.

"It's been nothing but positive," Tamblyn says of the public's embrace of her show. "People who come up to me seem to not want to intrude or get into a long conversation, but as they pass me they'll just touch my arm and say, 'I love your show,' and keep moving."

And, if God comes in many shapes to speak to Joan Girardi, the fans are every bit as diverse, Tamblyn adds.

"I had someone come up to me who was, like, 6 foot 2 and had his septum pierced and had a tattoo on his shaved head and sleeve tattoos with a really, really deep voice, (and he) told me he and his mother watch the show," she says, smiling. "That kind of thing happens all the time."

Part of the reason viewers flock to the show is that, in a sea of reality programming and crime dramas, "Joan" is centered around a loving but credibly flawed family with whom fans readily identify.

That's partly a tribute to the performances of Tamblyn and her co-stars - Joe Mantegna and Mary Steenburgen as her parents, Jason Ritter and Michael Welch as her brothers - but

there's a palpable personal connection between these performers today as they get ready to film a scene in the Girardi kitchen.

Ritter, whose character has been partially paralyzed in a traffic accident, pops wheelies in his wheelchair while practicing his rolling entrance. As Steenburgen passes Tamblyn, she reflexively puts her hand on her TV daughter's forehead checking her for fever. Meanwhile, Mantegna, who is also under the weather, playfully bickers with Tamblyn over who is responsible for bringing germs onto the set, while Welch gets last-minute instructions from the director.

"It's kind of crazy, how close we've become," really even since the pilot," Tamblyn says. "The Girardis reflect real life, and people like to identify with that, to say, 'Oh, yeah, I've been through that.' The show reflects the reality of many families, with a little bit of magic added."

"I've heard from a friend of mine who is a confirmed atheist, who told me, 'Your show is making it a little more difficult,'" Steenburgen laughs during a break in filming. "From my mother-in-law, who is absolutely a devout Catholic, to others who are far, far more liberal, everyone I hear from seems to love it."

"I think it's because the writing is so true. To take something this mystical and ground it in this very flawed family (is inspired). The humor made me want to do it. I mean, face it, if anyone is going to argue with God, it's a teenager, right?"

A midseason Television Week critics' poll named "Joan" the season's best drama, even if some reviewers evidently weren't sure what to make of the quirky series when it debuted last fall.

"I did find it amusing when one critic wrote that the show was going to be

Joan and God solving crimes together," says series creator and executive producer Barbara Hall, who points out that "Joan" takes a view of the Almighty that is anything but sentimental.

"I didn't actually get 'Touched by an Angel,' although I didn't really see it much," Hall says. "I don't believe God comes and fixes your problems. It's so obvious he doesn't, or at least, he doesn't fix mine. I've lost eight friends this year - that's the world I live in, and that's not even going (into) this horrible war we're in. I knew people who died in 9/11."

"That's the God we have to contend with. I can't do a show about how God is very sweet and if you have a problem he'll come and take care of it. We deal with very dark things, whether it's suicide or paralysis or murder or horrible things that Joe (Mantegna's character) has to look at in his job. I want to put God into that context, not in a world where everything is fine. The paradox is that we are often in this intense pain, and what is God thinking? I don't know, but it's interesting to consider."

This TV family rallied off-camera last fall as cast member Ritter mourned the unexpected death of his real father, sitcom star John Ritter.

"I'm who Jason called when this first started happening," recalls Steenburgen, a family friend of the young actor even before she was cast as his TV mom, "so then I called Joe and Amber and within minutes of getting the news we were all reaching out to one another. I assured his mother we would all be there for him, but while that may have helped us bond even more deeply, it was even more intense before that."

Pipeline

Sturdy 'JAG' expected to return in the fall

By Taylor Michaels
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Q Why do I feel that this will be the final season of "JAG"? I'm 83 years old, and I love that show! -Pete in Maryland.

A Probably because, from where you and many other "JAG" loyalists sit, your favorite show was unceremoniously bounced from its longtime Tuesday berth and relocated into what looked like a death slot on Fridays. Given the callous way networks often give the ax to old favorites with no apparent warning, I'm not surprised you're feeling nervous.

In this case, however, the move was all part of a CBS strategy to establish a beachhead on Friday nights, something that "JAG" has accomplished very handily. CBS considers the David James Elliott drama one of its most valuable players and, barring major unforeseen circumstances, the hit series is a shoo-in to return for another season starting in the fall.

Q Is NBC's "Las Vegas" filmed in that city or in California studios? -Shirley Esch, Vancouver, Wash.



David James Elliott

A Both. Most of what you see in NBC's Monday night drama is filmed on soundstages in Century City, Calif., but from time to time cast members travel to Las Vegas to film exteriors and pick-up shots.

Q Several weeks ago, you mentioned Vanessa Redgrave's two daughters with Tony Richardson. She also had a son, Carlo, with her "Camelot" co-star, Franco Nero. What are they doing now? Does Vanessa have any other children? -Jeanne T. Perry, Miller Place, N.Y.

A Now 34, Carlo Gabriel Nero works as a writer and director, and just finished directing his mother and half-sister, Joely Richardson, in a film for HBO called "The Fever," adapted from a play by Wallace Shawn. Carlo's father, Franco Nero, now 62, enjoys an active career in both films and TV in his native Italy. As of this writing, he is co-starring with Derek Jacobi in a historical drama, "Venetian Heat," set for release later this year.

Redgrave has no children other than Carlo, Natasha and Joely.

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Feature Story

Britney Spears trades teen-pop cheese for 'adult' sleaze

By Jacqueline Cutler
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Has Britney lost it? After watching promotional footage for an upcoming Showtime concert special, a better question may be: Does anybody want her to find it?

Spears' legions of fans are fascinated by her antics. They actually care about the marriage that had a shorter shelf life than dairy products. And some of the youngest ones might be allowed to stay up late to watch "Britney Spears Live From Miami" Sunday, March 28.

The rest of the population probably wonders why a pop singer who The New York Times says lip-synched a performance continues to have a certain cachet. Yet there's no denying she does. Walk by a newsstand and her blond hair and barely covered breasts are on display month after month.

Although Spears' behavior over the past year could be endlessly psychoanalyzed, clearly she is trying to expand her audience beyond the squealing girls and adolescents who made her a star.

The evidence is in "The Black Onyx Tour," which kicked off in San Diego in early March.

Parents of her young fans should be warned. For years, Spears has appealed to giggling preteens, who festoon their pink and purple rooms with her posters, sing along to "Oops, I Did It Again," and fight their mothers over wearing belly shirts.

Those days look positively tranquil compared to what Britney dishes up in this latest show. Parents who allow their children to watch R-rated movies may be comfortable with the content. Others will consider it tantamount to corrupting the morals of a minor.

Spears' handlers only permitted Showtime to provide a small amount of material for review, but what is shown is extremely suggestive. In her video for "Toxic," she appears as a stewardess - forget flight attendant because that implies a professional trained to help people in emergencies - in a throwback to the days of "Coffee? Tea? Or, me?" Spears is all dewy sexiness in a blue uniform that reveals far more than it covers.

She pushes a drink cart up the aisle, shaking her barely covered bon-bon, and spills a drink onto an inept fat man. She takes this passenger into the airplane bathroom to induct him into the mile-high club. As they start to kiss, she pulls off his ugly face, and a handsome young hunk appears as she grinds against him. When they are finished, she takes his wallet.

Let it not be said that Spears is without talent. She can grind with the best of them, as she repeatedly illustrates. Also in the "Toxic" video, she wears a nude-colored bodysuit that is beautifully sewn with beads and spangles as she cavorts on the floor. She also changes into a "Matrix"-like cat suit that she tops

with a fiery red wig. No one could accuse her of being too subtle.

In a brief electronic press kit, Britney answers a few softball questions. She says the title of her current tour was chosen because "the onyx stone is kind of symbolic of what guides me in my life." She does not elaborate on how the gemstone imparts wisdom, but there it is.

The next question is how this tour is different. "This tour will be a little older," she says, explaining she performs four or five songs from past albums.

Reviews of the live show say a lot of the tour is from her current compact disc, "In the Zone." The ballad "Everytime," about her breakup with Justin Timberlake, is "about the first true love, (which) a lot of people can relate to," she says.

Although Spears promises that the Showtime special, taped live from American Airlines Arena, "will be a different performance," she describes it in the next breath as "pretty much the same show as the show I'm doing on tour."

Usually when a major star does a show for television, that star grants interviews to promote it. Spears had agreed to an interview, but canceled without explanation. She later agreed to release the transcript of an interview with Showtime. Her managers then changed their minds. Finally, her people offered to have Spears answer 10 questions, but only via e-mail. Even if this is how life works on Planet Britney, it isn't



Britney Spears brings "The Black Onyx Tour" to television Sunday when Showtime airs "Britney Spears Live From Miami." She says on performance day she gets "jitters just thinking about it."

for Earth's journalists - she blew it again by not responding.

Spears, of course, does not owe journalists anything, but it is curious

when someone who seeks the spotlight with such fervor runs from it.

Lucky for her, she arguably is the loveliest woman to jingle and high-kick across a stage in a rubberlike cat suit. And this likely will be

enough for the devoted fans attending one of the concerts in 25 cities, including Phoenix, Fresno, Seattle and Philadelphia.

When folks leave her concert, Spears says she wants them "to feel they had the most magical experience of their life."

While some may be transformed, others likely will feel the only magic

In the Spotlight

'Sopranos' co-star steps out as madam Heidi Fleiss

By Jay Bobbitt
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A star of "The Sopranos" is singing her own tune by playing arguably the most notorious madam of modern times.

Jamie-Lynn DiScala moonlights from her HBO series role as mob-family daughter Meadow in the title role of "Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss," a USA Network movie debuting Monday, March 29.

The film traces the path Fleiss took in becoming a major supplier of escorts to the rich and powerful - especially in Hollywood, where her black book was coveted by the police detectives who arrested her. They expected her to turn informant, but she didn't, resulting in her three-year prison stay.

Oscar winner Brenda Fricker ("My Left Foot") plays Fleiss' mentor, a friend of movie and TV director Ivan Nagy (Robert Davi, "Profiler"). Heidi's paramour, Saul Rubinek ("Unforgiven") portrays Fleiss' pediatrician father, and Corbin Bernsen ("L.A. Law") has the composite role of one of the young madam's clients.

Heidi Fleiss clearly is a showcase role, but DiScala (who was Jamie-Lynn

Sigler before she married her manager in July 2003) had initial reservations about it. "I had a million-and-one pre-conceived notions about Heidi, just like everyone else," she reflects. "I talked with my husband about it, because the offer was pretty serious. He said, 'Let's approach it with the due diligence we give anything else, and just read the script.'

"I tried to disconnect myself from the fact that I knew who Heidi was, and just read it as an acting role. Then I thought, 'How many opportunities am I going to get at this age to be the lead in a film and play a role that is so colorful, and that is such a departure from anything I've done before?' I knew I'd not only be challenging myself, but challenging the way people see me as an actress. The career I strive for is one that can never be pigeonholed."

DiScala says her initial impression of Fleiss was of someone "who did something illegal and had no remorse or regret over it ... and got what she deserved. I thought it would be difficult for me to like and respect and want to play her, but I was pleasantly surprised that it wasn't. I don't expect to hear from her, but I hope to hear her reaction. Heidi enjoys being in the public

eye, so I'm sure she'll announce how she felt about this."

Fleiss' story also was told in two previous films: director Nick Broomfield's 1995 documentary "Heidi Fleiss: Hollywood Madam," and the 1996 CBS drama "The Good Doctor: The Paul Fleiss Story."

DiScala feels the newest version differs by showing what Heidi's "day-to-day life was really like. This is an inside view, and it was fun for me to learn about her past. That's definitely the biggest appeal of the film."

Although she also starred in - and sang in - a touring production of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," and Broadway's "Beauty and the Beast," DiScala got a stronger sense of carrying an entire production from portraying Fleiss.

"It was a tremendous learning experience for me," she asserts. "I loved being in every scene and having the workload. The pressure really builds inside, though, once the filming is done and you're doing the final voiceover work and promotion. It's your name, that's on the line. But however this is received, the lessons I learned made doing it well worth it."



Jamie-Lynn DiScala moonlights from her regular role as a mobster's daughter in "The Sopranos" to play the title part in the new movie "Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss" Monday on USA Network.

Best Movies This Week

A

"Alice" *** Mia Farrow, Joe Mantegna. An herbalist sparks a woman's journey toward self-discovery. **PG-13** **WGN** Tue. 7 p.m.

"The American President" *** Michael Douglas, Annette Bening. A U.S. president risks his political future for love. **PG-13** **TMC** Sat. 7 p.m.

"American Psycho" *** Christian Bale, Willem Dafoe. An insane '80s-era yuppie indulges in kinky sex and mayhem. **R** **DVS/USA** Sat. 10 a.m.

"Apollo 13" *** Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton. Based on the true story of the ill-fated 1970 moon mission. **PG/BRAV** Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m.

"The Appaloosa" *** Marlon Brando, Anjanette Comer. A cowboy tries to retrieve his horse from Mexican bandits. **NR/AMC** Fri. 12 p.m.

"Arthur" *** Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli. A drunken millionaire falls for a middle-class waitress. **PG/WGN** Sat. 7 p.m.

B

"Babe" **** James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski. A young pig becomes a champion sheep herder. **G** **FAM** Thu. 7 p.m.

"Backdraft" *** Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. Chicago firefighters work overtime to stop a mad arsonist. **R** **USA** Sat. 12 a.m.

"Barbarosa" *** Willie Nelson, Gary Busey. An outlaw battles in-laws while trying to escape the law. **PG/AMC** Wed. 7 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.; Thu. 5 p.m.

"Basic Instinct" *** Michael Douglas, Sharon Stone. A cop has a steamy affair with a woman who may be a killer. **R** **USA** Fri. 12 a.m.

"A Beautiful Mind" *** Russell Crowe, Ed Harris. A brilliant mathematician battles schizophrenia. **PG-13** **HBO** Mon. 12 p.m.

"The Big Chill" *** Tom Berenger, Glenn Close. A funeral reunites college friends from the 1960s. **R/BRAV** Mon. 1 a.m.

"Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" *** Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter. Students get a cosmic opportunity to pass a history final. **PG** **TNN** Sat. 5 p.m.

"The Birdcage" *** Robin Williams, Gene Hackman. A son's engagement throws a kink into a gay couple's life. **R/TMC** Tue. 7 p.m.

"Bram Stoker's Dracula" *** Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder. Francis Ford Coppola's adaptation of the vampire classic. **R** **RTN** Sat. 4 a.m.

"Breaking In" *** Kurt Reynolds, Casey Siemaszko. A veteran burglar takes a young partner under his wing. **R/TMC** Thu. 2:25 p.m.

"Bullets Over Broadway" *** John Cusack, Jack Palance. A mob bodyguard secretly helps polish a playwright's work. **R** **TMC** Sun. 6:15 a.m.; Mon. 1:35 p.m.

C

"Catch Me If You Can" *** Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks. A teenage scam artist poses as a pilot, surgeon and lawyer. **PG-13** **HBO** Mon. 8:30 a.m., 8 p.m.

"The Cat's Meow" *** Kirsten Dunst, Cary Elwes. A film producer dies aboard William Randolph Hearst's yacht. **PG-13** **HBO** Wed. 6:30 a.m.

"Changing Lanes" *** Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson. A car accident puts two men on a collision course. **R** **TMC** Sun. 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

"Charade" *** Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn. A woman is targeted in a search for her dead husband's loot. **NR** **AMC** Mon. 7 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

"City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold" *** Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern. Mitch and friends ride out in search of hidden treasure. **PG-13** **BRAV** Mon. 1:30 p.m.; Fri. 10 p.m.

"Coal Miner's Daughter" *** Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones. Loretta Lynn rises from rural poverty to music stardom. **PG/AMC** Thu. 7 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

D

"Dancer, Texas Pop. 81" *** Breckin Meyer, Peter Facinelli. Townspeople try to prevent four teens from moving to L.A. **PG** **TMC** Sat. 9:15 a.m.

"Dances With Wolves" **** Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning vision of the American West. **PG-13** **HBO** Thu. 8:30 a.m.

"Dirty Dancing" *** Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor. **PG-13** **USA** Sun. 12 p.m.; Mon. 9 a.m.

"The Dirty Dozen" *** Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine. Convicts undertake a deadly mission in Nazi Germany. **NR** **TNT** Fri. 5 a.m.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" *** Steve Martin, Michael Caine. A British con man challenges an American rival to a contest. **PG/BRAV** Sat. 11:30 p.m.

"Doc Hollywood" *** Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner. An arrogant physician is detained in a South Carolina town. **PG-13** **HBO** Tue. 4:30 p.m.

"S (Dollars)" *** Warren Beatty, Goldie Hawn. A bank security expert and a hooker run afoul of criminals. **R/AMC** Tue. 5:30 a.m.

"Donovan's Reef" *** John Wayne, Lee Marvin. A man's life is disrupted by the arrival of his daughter. **NR** **AMC** Mon. 9:30 p.m.; 2 a.m.; Tue. 5 p.m.

"The Doors" *** Val Kilmer, Meg Ryan. The fast life and turbulent times of rocker Jim Morrison. **R/BRAV** Sun. 8 p.m.

"Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" *** Jason Scott Lee, Lauren Holly. Based on the life and career of the martial arts star. **PG-13** **WB** Sat. 7 p.m.; **25** **FOX** Sat. 4 p.m.

"Drumline" *** Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. Rivalry between two drummers threatens a college band. **PG-13** **HBO** Sat. 10 a.m.

E

"The Egyptian" *** Edmund Purdom, Jean Simmons. An unfortunate physician ministers to an ailing pharaoh. **NR** **AMC** Wed. 5 a.m.

"The Emperor's New Clothes" *** Ian Holm, Iben Hjejle. Napoleon Bonaparte concocts a plan to reclaim his throne. **PG** **TMC** Thu. 6:30 a.m.; Fri. 5 p.m.

"The Emperor's New Groove" *** Voices of David Spade, John Goodman. Animated. A smarmy emperor is transformed into a llama. **G** **DVS/ABC** Sat. 7 p.m.; **13** **ABC** Sat. 7 p.m.

"Manhunter" *** William L. Petersen, Kim Greist. A former FBI agent returns to hunt down a psychotic killer. **R/BRAV** Thu. 7 p.m., 11 p.m.

"Married to the Mob" *** Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine. A federal agent becomes involved with a mobster's widow. **R** **TMC** Mon. 6:45 a.m.; Tue. 3:30 p.m.

"The Mask" *** (PA) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. A mask transforms a milquetoast into a mighty man. **PG-13** **TBS** Mon. 7 p.m.; 9:10 p.m.

"Meet the Parents" *** Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. A man spends a disastrous weekend with his lover's family. **PG-13** **DVS/USA** Tue. 8 p.m.; Wed. 1:30 p.m.

"Menace II Society" *** Tyrell Turner, Jada Pinkett. Urban violence takes its toll on a ghetto youth. **R/TMC** Tue. 11:35 p.m.

"The Mighty Wind" *** Bob Balaban, Christopher Guest. Folk singers reunite to pay tribute to a legendary promoter. **PG** **13** **HBO** Wed. 9 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.; Fri. 7 a.m.; Sat. 3:30 p.m.

"Moonstruck" *** Cher, Nicolas Cage. A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiancée's brother. **PG** **TBS** Sat. 4 a.m.

"Mrs. Doubtfire" *** Robin Williams, Sally Field. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. **PG-13** **HBO** Tue. 2:15 p.m.

"My Girl" *** Macaulay Culkin, Anna Chumsky. A funeral director's daughter has a summer of awakenings. **PG** **TBS** Sun. 7 a.m.; Mon. 11:15 p.m.

F

"Field of Dreams" *** Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan. A voice urges a farmer to build a ballpark on his property. **PG** **TNT** Sat. 5 p.m.

"Fried Green Tomatoes" *** Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy. Fannie Flagg's tale of friendship between Alabama women. **PG-13** **TBS** Sat. 11:15 a.m.

G

"Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" *** Kurt Russell, Kirk Douglas, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday pursue the notorious Clanton's. **NR** **AMC** Wed. 9 p.m.; 1:30 a.m.; Thu. 2:30 p.m.

H

"Heaven Can Wait" *** Warren Beatty, Julie Christie. An inept angel prematurely summons a pro football player. **PG** **TMC** Mon. 10 a.m.

"Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" *** Robert Hays, Kim Greist. Three pets set out on a wilderness search for their owners. **G** **HALL** Sat. 9 a.m.

"Honeymoon in Vegas" *** James Caan, Nicolas Cage. A private eye loses his fiancée in a poker game. **PG-13** **TMC** Tue. 10:05 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

"Hostile Waters" *** Rutger Hauer, Martin Sheen. A submarine accident almost leads to World War III. **PG** **HBO** Fri. 11:30 a.m.

"The Hot Spot" *** Don Johnson, Virginia Madsen. A larcenous drifter takes a job as a small-town salesman. **R/TMC** Tue. 1:15 a.m.

"Charade" *** Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn. A woman is targeted in a search for her dead husband's loot. **NR** **AMC** Mon. 7 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

"City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold" *** Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern. Mitch and friends ride out in search of hidden treasure. **PG-13** **BRAV** Mon. 1:30 p.m.; Fri. 10 p.m.

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I

"Identity" *** John Cusack, Ray Liotta. Stranded guests at a desolate hotel die one by one. **R** **HBO** Sat. 7 p.m., 4 a.m.

"It Could Happen to You" *** Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda. A patrolman and a waitress split a lottery jackpot. **PG** **TNT** Sun. 5:15 a.m.

"It Started in Naples" *** Clark Gable, Sophia Loren. An American lawyer begins falling for an Italian stripper. **NR** **AMC** Sun. 5:30 a.m.

J

"James and the Giant Peach" *** Voices of Simon Callow, Richard Dreyfuss. Ani-

mated. Friendly bugs lead an orphaned boy to adventure. **PG** **HBO** Tue. 5:30 a.m. "Jerry Maguire" *** Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. **R** **TNT** Sat. 7 p.m. "Junior" *** Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. A science experiment yields the world's first pregnant man. **PG** **BRAV** Sat. 9 p.m.

K

"The Kid Stays in the Picture" *** Producer Robert Evans reflects on his Hollywood career. **R** **HBO** Sun. 1:35 a.m.

L

"A League of Their Own" *** Geena Davis, Tom Hanks. Based on the story of the all-girl baseball league of 1943. **PG** **TNT** Wed. 9 p.m., 2:30 a.m.

"Lethal Weapon" *** (PA) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner. **R** **TBS** Sun. 2:30 p.m., 11:45 p.m.

"Love With the Proper Stranger" *** Natalie Wood, Steve McQueen. A woman becomes pregnant after a night with a stranger. **NR** **AMC** Thu. 9:30 p.m., 2:15 a.m.

M

"The Majestic" *** Jim Carrey, Martin Landau. Citizens embrace an amnesiac writer as one of their own. **PG** **HBO** Thu. 7 a.m.; Fri. 4:45 p.m.

"Manhattan" *** Woody Allen, Mariel Hemingway. A writer and his friends try to sort out life in the city. **R/TMC** Sat. 3:05 p.m.

"Manhunter" *** William L. Petersen, Kim Greist. A former FBI agent returns to hunt down a psychotic killer. **R/BRAV** Thu. 7 p.m., 11 p.m.

"Married to the Mob" *** Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine. A federal agent becomes involved with a mobster's widow. **R** **AMC** Sun. 1:45 a.m.; Mon. 2:15 p.m.

"Pulp Fiction" *** John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. **R** **HBO** Tue. 12:55 a.m.

"Star Trek: First Contact" *** Jonathan Frakes. The Borg try to prevent a space pioneer's historic flight. **PG-13** **HBO** Wed. 8 p.m.

"Star Trek: The Undiscovered Country" *** Leonard Nimoy Kirk is accused of assassinating the Klingon chancellor. **PG** **TNN** Wed. 8 p.m.

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Sports This Week

AUTO RACING

Sunday

11:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing Sport Compact Nationals. From Fontana, Calif. (Taped)

12:00 p.m. 8-FOX 25-FOX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — Food City 500. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live)

Thursday

12:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing Sport Compact Nationals. From Fontana, Calif.

12:30 a.m. ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing Sportsman Series. From Gainesville, Fla.

Saturday

1:00 p.m. 8-FOX 25-FOX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — O'Reilly 300. From Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live)

9:00 p.m. ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing Summitracing.com Nationals Qualifying. From the Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas. (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL

Sunday

2:00 p.m. WGN MLB Preseason Baseball Oakland Athletics at Chicago Cubs. From HoHoKam Park in Mesa, Ariz. (Live)

Monday

2:00 p.m. ESPN2 MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs at Anaheim Angels. From Tempe Diablo Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. (Live)

4:00 a.m. ESPN2 MLB Baseball New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays. From Tokyo. (Live)

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. ESPN2 MLB Preseason Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Baltimore Orioles. From Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Live)

3:00 p.m. ESPN2 MLB Baseball New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays. From Tokyo. (Live)

10:00 p.m. 38-WB College Baseball Louisiana State at New Orleans. (Same-day Tape)

Thursday

12:00 p.m. ESPN2 MLB Preseason Baseball Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves. From Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Kissimmee, Fla. (Live)

BASKETBALL

Sunday

11:00 a.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Mideast Regional Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From Norfolk, Va. (Live)

12:30 p.m. 26-ABC 13-ABC NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Orlando Magic. From the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Fla. (Live)

1:30 p.m. 4-CBS College Basketball NCAA Tournament Regional Final — Teams to Be Announced. From Atlanta or St. Louis. (Live)

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Mideast Regional Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From Norfolk, Va. (Live)

4:00 p.m. 4-CBS College Basketball NCAA Tournament Regional Final — Teams to Be Announced. From New York. (Live)

7:00 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live)

9:30 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live)

6:00 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From Norman, Okla. (Live)

8:00 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From Norman, Okla. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics. From the FleetCenter in Boston. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From Norman, Okla. (Live)

7:00 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live)

9:30 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN High School Basketball Powerade Jam Fest. From Midwest City, Okla.

ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Semifinal — Teams to Be Announced. From New York. (Live)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. ESPN High School Basketball Powerade Jam Fest. From Midwest City, Okla. (Taped)

8:00 p.m. ESPN High School Basketball McDonald's All-American Game. From Oklahoma City. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN High School Basketball McDonald's All-American Game. From Oklahoma City. (Live)

ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Final — Teams to Be Announced. From New York. (Live)

ESPN2 Girls High School Basketball McDonald's All-American Game. From Oklahoma City. (Taped)

4:00 p.m. ESPN2 Cheerleading College Cheer/Dance Division I-A. From Orlando, Fla.

5:00 p.m. ESPN2 Cheerleading High School National Dance Team Championships — Jazz. From Orlando.

Friday

8:00 p.m. ESPN2 Boxing Friday Night Fights. From Tucson, Ariz. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN2 Boxing Friday Night Fights. From Tucson, Ariz.

CHEERLEADING

Sunday

3:30 p.m. ESPN2 Cheerleading College Cheer/Dance Division Open Dance Division. From Orlando, Fla.

5:00 p.m. ESPN2 Cheerleading High School National Dance Team Championships — Jazz. From Orlando.

EQUESTRIAN

Saturday

4:30 p.m. ESPN Horse Racing Santa Anita Derby/Illinois Derby/Aventura Stakes. From Santa Anita, Hawthorne and Gulfstream. (Live)

GOLF

Sunday

12:30 p.m. 6-NBC PGA Golf The Players Championship — Final Round. From the Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (Live)

3:00 p.m. 26-ABC 13-ABC LPGA Golf Kraft Nabisco Championship — Final Round. From Rancho Mirage, Calif. (Live)

Thursday

3:00 p.m. USA PGA Golf BellSouth Classic — First Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live)

Friday

2:00 p.m. ESPN2 LPGA Golf Office Depot Championship — Second Round. From El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif. (Live)

3:00 p.m. USA PGA Golf BellSouth Classic — Second Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live)

Saturday

2:00 p.m. 6-NBC PGA Golf BellSouth Classic — Third Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live)

4:00 p.m. ESPN2 LPGA Golf Office Depot Championship — Third Round. From El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif. (Live)

HOCKEY

Sunday

3:00 p.m. ESPN NHL Hockey Regional Coverage — Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Minnesota Wild or St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)

Monday

6:00 p.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Columbus Blue Jackets. From Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Columbus Blue Jackets. From Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

Thursday

7:00 p.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues. From Savvis Center in St. Louis. (Live)

2:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues. From Savvis Center in St. Louis.

Saturday

6:00 p.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Atlanta Thrashers at Tampa Bay Lightning. From the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla. (Live)

1:00 a.m. ESPN2 NHL Hockey Atlanta Thrashers at Tampa Bay

Lightning. From the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla.

MOTORCYCLE RACING

Sunday

1:30 a.m. ESPN2 Motorcycle Racing THQ World Supercross Grand Prix. From Indianapolis.

2:30 a.m. ESPN2 Motorcycle Racing THQ World Supercross Grand Prix. From Indianapolis.

SKATING

Sunday

11:30 a.m. ESPN2 Figure Skating World Championships — Ladies and Original Dance Short Program. From Dortmund, Germany. (Taped)

SOCER

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. 26-ABC 13-ABC Speed Skating World Short Track Championships. From Gothenburg, Sweden. (Taped)

1:00 p.m. 26-ABC 13-ABC Figure Skating World Championships. From Dortmund, Germany. (Taped)

6:00 p.m. ESPN Figure Skating World Championships — Ladies and Original Dance Short Program. From Dortmund, Germany. (Taped)

TENNIS

Sunday

1:00 p.m. ESPN ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Early Rounds. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Same-day Tape)

MONDAY

12:00 p.m. ESPN ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Early Rounds. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

8:30 p.m. ESPN2 ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Early Rounds. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Same-day Tape)

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. ESPN WTA Tennis Nasdaq 100 Open — Quarterfinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

11:30 p.m. ESPN2 ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Early Rounds. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Same-day Tape)

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. ESPN Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

11:30 p.m. ESPN2 ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Quarterfinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Same-day Tape)

Thursday

12:00 p.m. ESPN ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Quarterfinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

10:00 p.m. ESPN2 WTA Tennis Nasdaq 100 Open — Semifinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Same-day Tape)

Friday

12:00 p.m. ESPN2 ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Semifinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

6:00 p.m. ESPN2 ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Series — Nasdaq 100 Open — Semifinal. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

Saturday

11:00 a.m. 4-CBS WTA Tennis Nasdaq 100 Open Singles Finals. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)



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Winter transactions heighten anticipation for

baseball

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Baseball's hot-stove league resembled a towering inferno this past winter, headlined by a game of "can you top this" played by the Hatfields and McCoys of the sport (aka the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox).

For now, the frenzy of free-agent signings and trades are complete, and it's time to play ball, beginning with ESPN2's coverage of the season-opener between the Yanks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Tuesday, March 30, from the Tokyo Dome in Japan. The fact that the first game features American League East rivals is not lost on Harold Reynolds, who this year marks his eighth season as an analyst on ESPN's "Baseball Tonight."

"I think it's the toughest division in all of baseball," Reynolds says. "You have the most talent in that division, when you (consider) the last three A.L. MVPs are playing in that division. You've got a guy who's been MVP in the World Series in (Derek) Jeter. ... I mean you've got a lot of stuff going on in that division, but the best team I think is the Yankees. I think the best pitching is gonna be Boston, and in the end, the question will come down to: Will the Yankees go out and get somebody if they need more pitching? And I think that the owner is the intangible there, and I think George Steinbrenner's the guy who will go get it done."

In the National League East, which the Atlanta Braves have ruled every season since 1991, Reynolds likes the Philadelphia Phillies, who added starter Eric Milton and closer Billy Wagner, over defending world champion Florida Marlins. "I think the Marlins are gonna be very competitive again, but I don't think Atlanta's gonna get the

mileage they think they're gonna get out of people, so Philly, Florida, Atlanta (in that order)."

Reynolds doesn't think the Texas homecomings of Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens will be enough to unseat the Chicago Cubs in the N.L. Central: "I'm picking the Cubbies," he says. "I think the Cubs are gonna win that division. I love Andy Pettitte and Clemens both, but I think the ballpark (Minute Maid Park in Houston) is gonna do them in. In the end, that park, you know, is worse than Colorado's at times. That's gonna hurt them. They're gonna give up some home runs."

The additions of sluggers Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Guillen, and pitchers Bartolo Colon and Kelvin Escobar gives the Anaheim Angels the edge in the A.L. West, Reynolds says. "I think Anaheim is the team to beat out there. I like Oakland's pitching, but they don't have any offense. They haven't had offense for the last couple years. The difference with the American League and the National League, you're not bunting guys over (in the A.L.) every at bat, you know. In the American League, you've got mash (sluggers), and I just think that Anaheim's got the offense."

"He's always been a guy, even during the home-run race (in 2001), everybody was like, 'Oh, Barry won't be able to handle the media around him.' You know, he's been through the storms. I don't think he's gonna have a problem with handling what people say about him or anything like that. He's a very strong character."

Sports Stumpers

4) What future Hall of Famer opened his team's new stadium with a game-deciding home run?

5) What Hall of Famer pitched seven shutouts on Opening Day?

6) What two teams kicked off the 2000 season by playing their season opener in Tokyo?

Answers:

1) Who was the last player to hit three home runs on Opening Day?

2) What future Hall of Famer pitched an Opening Day no-hitter in 1940?

3) What player hit a grand slam on Opening Day twice?

2) Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians against the Chicago White Sox.

3) Sixto Lezcano of the Milwaukee Brewers in 1978 and 1980.

4) Babe Ruth opened Yankee Stadium with a three-run blast on Opening Day 1923 to propel New York to a 4-1 win over the Boston Red Sox.

5) Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators.

6) The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs.

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Harold Reynolds

Sports Best Bets

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"NASCAR Racing" Sunday, March 28 (Fox, 1 p.m. ET): There's something about Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn., that suits Kurt Busch just fine. Maybe it's the tight half-mile oval that requires a different racing mindset, one that Busch has mastered to the tune of three wins in the last four races here. Busch won both Bristol events last year, including his second straight Food City 500. Making it three in a row would further soothe the disappointment of finishing 11th in the Cup race in 2003.

"ATP Tennis" Sunday, March 28 (ESPN, 2 p.m. ET): The second event on the Tennis Masters Series schedule, the NASDAQ-100 Open features top talent on both the men's and women's side. The tourney began last week from Key Biscayne, Fla., with defending singles champions Andre Agassi and Serena Williams in the field, as well as 2003 finalists Carlos Moya and Jennifer Capriati. They were joined by three-time champion Venus Williams, U.S. Open champ Andy Roddick and men's world No. 1 Roger Federer.

"College Basketball" Saturday, April 3 (CBS, 6 p.m. ET): Everything

is big in Texas, making the Lone Star State a perfect destination for college basketball's Final Four. The Alamodome in San Antonio is the site as the madness of March spills into April for five hours of frenzied semifinal action. The familiar voices of Jim Nantz and Billy Packer call the two games that will set the stage for Monday's championship clash.



Paul Pierce of the Boston Celtics

Family Best Bets

Sunday

8:15 a.m. on TBS

Movie: Parenthood

Steve Martin stars as a beleaguered family man in this 1989 movie directed by Ron Howard. He and his wife (Mary Steenburgen) must deal with a nervous child, "perfect" neighbors, elderly parents and crazy siblings. The all-star cast includes Rick Moranis, Tom Hulce, Dianne Wiest, Jason Robards, Martha Plimpton and Keanu Reeves.

12:15 p.m. on TNT

Movie: Sleepless in Seattle

In Nora Ephron's 1993 romantic comedy about romantic destiny, a newspaper reporter (Meg Ryan) who recently became engaged becomes obsessed with meeting a romantic widower (Tom Hanks) after she hears him reminiscing about his late wife on a radio call-in show. Rosie O'Donnell and Rob Reiner also star.

Tuesday

6 a.m. on AMC

Movie: Young at Heart

Gig Young stars as Alex, a musician who hooks up with a musically inclined family. Unfortunately, the family has three daughters — each of whom have

fallen for Alex. He chooses Laurie (Doris Day) and they become engaged. Into their lives enters Barney (Frank Sinatra), a friend of Alex, with a bitter take on life. Laurie sees him as a challenge, and vows to brighten his outlook. Ethel Barrymore, Dorothy Malone and Elizabeth Fraser co-star in the 1954 musical.

7 p.m. and AMC

Movie: Star Trek: The Motion Picture

After the success of George Lucas' "Star Wars," William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and the rest of the "Star Trek" series regulars reunited for this 1979 big-screen blockbuster. With an alien force detected on its way to Earth, Adm. Kirk (Shatner) calls on the Enterprise crew to intercept the enemy ship. DeForest Kelley also stars.

Thursday

4:30 p.m. on HBO

Movie: Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken

The horses didn't really dive — they fell at fast speeds into the water. However, this 1991 heartwarming tale of a young woman's determination to ride diving horses nearly overrides the compassion for the equines. Sonora (Gabrielle Anwar) is a runaway with a dream, which almost is crushed by

blindness. With the help of friends and the love of a good horse, Sonora makes her dreams come true. Michael Schoeffling and Kathleen York co-star.

7 p.m. on HALL

Movie: The Parent Trap

Despite several TV movie sequels and a 1998 remake, the Walt Disney-produced 1961 original still provides the most fun of all the tales in the series. Hayley Mills had one of her best roles — actually, two of them — as teenage twins Sharon and Susan, each of whom doesn't know of her look-alike until they meet at summer camp. Then, they become determined to reunite their divorced parents (Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith).

Saturday

9 a.m. on HALL

Movie: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey

Chance, Shadow and Sassy (voices of Michael J. Fox, Don Ameche and Sally Field) are pets left behind when their human family goes on vacation in this 1993 adventure film. Not content to wait for their owners to return, the two dogs and a cat set out on a dangerous trek through the Sierra Nevada. Robert Hays, Kim Greist and Jean Smart star.

TV Trivia

Dougray Scott ("Ever After") was given the title of Most Promising Student at the Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Katey Sagal ("8 Simple Rules") was a backup singer for Bob Dylan, Gene Simmons, Tanya Tucker and Bette Midler.

Hayley Mills ("The Parent Trap") first appeared on screen when she was an infant, and won a British Film Academy Award as a preteen.

Sam Neill ("Merlin") was born in Ireland, moved to New Zealand at age 6, and was brought to the United States by actor James Mason.

Kevin Nealon ("Daddy Day Care") has a degree in marketing, and balanced his early standup performances with a gig as a bartender.

Word Search



"Dallas"

(Words in parentheses not in puzzle)

Bobby	(Miss) Ellie	Kristin
Christopher	Gary	Lucy
Clayton	Jack	Pamela
Cliff	Jock	Ray
Digger	J.R.	Sue (Ellen)

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SUNDAY DAYTIME / MARCH 28, 2004

	M	C	▲ 8 AM	▲ 8:30	▲ 9 AM	▲ 9:30	▲ 10 AM	▲ 10:30	▲ 11 AM	▲ 11:30	▲ 12 PM	▲ 12:30	▲ 1 PM	▲ 1:30	▲ 2 PM	▲ 2:30	▲ 3 PM	▲ 3:30	▲ 4 PM	▲ 4:30
4-CBS	4	4	Markwtch	Sunday AM	CBS News Sunday Morning	Face Nation	Light	Glory in Black and White	Final Four	College Basketball: NCAA Regional Final	Teams TBA	College Basketball								
38-WB	10	10	Paid Prog.	The 411	BeastMaster "Birds"	Love Is Strange (1999)	Kate Nelligan, Ron Silver	★ Navigating the Heart (2000)	Jaclyn Smith	Murder of Innocence (1993)	Valerie Bertinelli, PG	One Tree Hill	1	2						
6-NBC	6	6	Today	1	Meet the Press	News	Gardner	Rebecca	With Style	Wealth	PGA Golf The Players Championship	Final Round	1 (Live)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8-FOX	8	8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	3rd Rock	Sherlock	Sherlock	Stargate	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series	Food City 500	From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn.	Autovision	3rd Rock						
26-ABC	9	11	Wealth	Newsmaker	Paid Prog.	Believers	Duplantis	This Week With George	News	Hangtime	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Orlando Magic	1	OLPGA Golf: Kraft Nabisco Championship							
19-PBS	13	13	Jay Jay	Clifford	Boohbah	Reading	Virtues	Dragonfly	Anne Grn	Zoom	Wall	Wash Wk	To Contrary	Tony Brown	World Busi	Money	Right-Birth	Religion	You're Chef	Museums
54-UPN	7	7	Paid Prog.	Crescent	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	6 Second	Urban Style	* Contagious (1997)	Lindsay Wagner, PG-13	1	★ Hangman (2000)	Lou Diamond Phillips, R	The Bedroom Window					
13-ABC	9	9	Gold Mnt.	Media	Outdoors	This Week With George	News	First Baptist Church	Hangtime	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Orlando Magic	1	OLPGA Golf: Kraft Nabisco Championship								
25-FOX	3	3	Fox News Sunday	Paid Prog.	Woman	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	GRC	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series	Food City 500	From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn.	* Contagious (1997)							
49-PAX	19	19	In Touch	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	6 Second	Paid Prog.	Bow Flex	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
AMC	17	31	(7:30) ★★ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982)	Shootout	Hwood-Club	Cinema	★ The Cassandra Crossing (1977, Drama)	Sophia Loren, R	★ Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979)	William Shatner, G	★ Star Trek II									
BRAV	-	-	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	6 Second	Paid Prog.	Inside the Actors Studio	* I Dreamed of Africa (2000)	Kim Basinger, PG-13	★ Restoration (1995, Drama)	Robert Downey Jr., Premier, R	★ The Presidio (1988)								
CNN	24	34	CNN Sunday Morning	Inside Politics Sunday	CNN Live	Sources	Late Edition Primetime	1	People in the News	In the Money	CNN Live Sunday	1	Next at CNN	1						
DSC	19	41	Surprise by Design	Rally Round the House	Sasquatch: Legend	MythBusters	1	More Than Human	Monster Garage	1	Monster House	1	The Repossessors 2	JFK Conspiracy	1					
ESPN	35	35	OLines	OLines	OLReporters	OLSportsCenter (Live)	OLSportsCenter (Live)	OLWm. Basketball	OLATP Tennis: Nasdaq 100 Open	OLNHL Hockey: Regional Coverage										
ESPN2	36	36	OLCaught	OLCaught	OLBeat	ODragRace	ONHRA	OLFigure Skating: World Championships	OLWomen's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament	OLCheer	OLCheerleading									
FAM	47	47	Digimon	Digimon	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Gargoyles	Gargoyles	7th Heaven	The Growing Pains Movie (2000)	Alan Thicke, 1	★ The Facts of Life Reunion (2001)	Lisa Whelchel, I	I Want-Ryan Banks						
HALL	64	-	America at Worship					World of Faith	McMillan and Wife	Banacek "No Stone Unturned"	Kojak	Hawaii Five-0	1							
MTV	53	53	(5:00) Music Videos	1	Miami	ET on MTV	MTV Special	Real World	Real World	Real World	Newlywed	Newlywed	Band II	Band II	Band II	Famous				
NICK	46	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Neutron	Neutron	Barbie of Swan Lake	Wizard, Animated	1	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	
QVC	25	Problem Solvers	Oreck	Birkenstock	Spring Cleaning: Bissell	In the Kitchen With Bob			QVC Sampler	Sterling Designs by Judith Ripka "6th Anniversary"	House Helpers									
TBN	62	Jentezen F.	David J.	Kenneth H.	Winning	The Coral Ridge Hour	Love Worth Finding	Bishop	It Is Written	Conley	Paula White	King Is	Bishop P.	Cornerstone	1	Rod Parsley	Dickow			
TBS	50	(8:15) ★★ Parenthood (1989)	Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, PG-13	1	★ Sugar & Spice (2001)	PG-13	★ What's the Worst That Could Happen? (2001)	1	★★ Lethal Weapon (1987) (PA)	Mel Gibson, R	US Marshl									
TNN	42	Real TV	1	Real TV	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Top Dead	Car	Horsepower	Trucks!	Ride	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	
TNT	39	(7:30) ★★ It Could Happen to You	1	(9:45) ★★ The Bodyguard (1992)	Kevin Costner, R	1	(12:15) ★★ Sleepless in Seattle (1993)	Tom Hanks, PG	1	★ Overboard (1987, Comedy)	Goldie Hawn, PG	What Wm								
TVLND	61	Van Dyke	Mister Ed	Lucy-Desi	I Love Lucy	Leave	TV Land Awards 2004		Gunsmoke "Major Glory"	Bonanza	Bewitched	Bewitched	GreenAcne	GreenAcne						
USA	28	★★ Jawbreaker (1999)	Rose McGowan, R	1	OLPGA Tour Sunday	Touching Evil "Justine"	★★ Dirty Dancing (1987)	Jennifer Grey, PG-13	★ Head Over Heels (2001)	Monica Potter, PG-13	★★ Never Been Kissed									
WGN	59	Hillbillies	Happy Days	Home Imp.	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	BeastMaster "Birds"	1	★★ The Sure Thing (1985)	John Cusack, 1	OLMLB Preseason	Baseball Oakland Athletics at Chicago Cubs, 1 (Live)	GreenAcne	GreenAcne				</	

Sunday Best Bets

7 p.m. on 4-CBS

Cold Case

Rush and Valens (Kathryn Morris, Danny Pino) determine that a supposed hit-and-run accident on New Year's Eve 1999 actually may have been a premeditated murder in the new episode "Resolutions." The recovering alcoholic (guest star Leigh Kelly) supposedly responsible for the death is cleared, prompting the police detectives to question the victim's widow (guest star Stacy Edwards, "Chicago Hope") and others.

7 p.m. on 6-NBC

American Dreams

The new corporal (guest star John Sloan) in charge of JJ's (Will Estes) squad in Vietnam imperils the soldiers, then makes matters worse by trying to cover up his mistake, in the new episode "Stewart's Charge." Back at home, Helen and Jack (Gail O'Grady, Tom Verica) make a decision about Beth (Rachel Boston). Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz ("The Remedy") guest stars as Dion, and Fefe Dobson plays Tina Turner.

7 p.m. and TNT

Movie: Ever After

Drew Barrymore lights up the screen in this 1998 retelling of the Cinderella story set in 16th-century Europe. Her character, Danielle, has the requisite wicked stepmother (Anjelica Huston) and dirty domestic jobs, but she has far more pluck and determination than the usual fairy-tale heroine. Dougray Scott ("Deep Impact") plays the prince, with Patrick Godfrey as Leonardo da Vinci, the closest thing this version of the story has to a fairy godmother.

8 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC

Alias

The Rambaldi mystery is back in the forefront in the new episode "The Frame," as Sydney and Vaughn (Jennifer Garner, Michael Vartan) go after a prominent Covenant member (guest star Djimon Hounsou, "In America"). Lauren (Melissa George) faces multiple crises involving her mother (guest star Peggy Lipton, "The Mod Squad"), her senator father (guest star Raymond J. Barry) and her marriage to Vaughn.

8:30 p.m. on 8-FOX on 25-FOX

Arrested Development

George-Michael (Michael Cera) becomes captivated by Gob's (Will Arnett) magic in the new episode "Missing Kitty," especially when Gob promises to make a yacht vanish. Lindsay (Portia de Rossi) gets a big shock when she tries to locate her long-missing grandmother. Michael's (Jason Bateman) attempt to fire Kitty (guest star Judy Greer) backfires when he discovers what she knows about his family.

9 p.m. on HBO

Deadwood

The lone survivor of a massacre gets special attention from Swearengen, Doc Cochran and Calamity Jane (Ian McShane, Brad Dourif, Robin Weigert) in the new episode, "Deep Water." Swearengen is concerned that Hickok (Keith Carradine) may be in cahoots with Bullock and Star (Timothy Olyphant, John Hawkes). A poker game provides the possibility for simmering hostilities to erupt.



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Monday-Friday Daytime

Morning

8:00 a.m. 4-CBS Live With Regis and Kelly
38-WB The 700 Club
8-FOX Judge Mathis
19-PBS The Berenstein Bears
25-FOX Montel Williams
49-PAX Enjoying Everyday Life
AMC (Wed) Movie "The Hunter" (Thu) "King of the Khyber Rifles"
DSC Assignment Discovery
ESPN (Tue-Fri) SportsCenter
ESPN2 (Mon, Wed-Fri) Cold Pizza
FAM (Mon-Thu) Growing Pains (Fri) Pyramid
HALL Bonanza
NICK Max & Ruby
QVC (Mon) Distinctive Plants by Cottage Farms (Tue) Around the House (Wed) Travel Companions (Thu) Susan Graver Style (Fri) QVC Sampler
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Tue-Wed, Fri) Baywatch (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT Charmed
TVLND Carol Burnett and Friends
USA (Tue) Movie "Matters of the Heart" (Thu) "Ed" (Fri) "Mr. Murder"
WGN The Beverly Hillbillies
TMC (Mon) Movie "A Shot at Glory"
8:30 a.m. 19-PBS Dragon Tales
49-PAX (Thu) Zola Levitt Presents
AMC (Tue) Movie "That Touch of Mink"
ESPN (Mon) SportsCenter
FAM Living the Life
NICK Rubbadubbers
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TVLND I Dream of Jeannie
WGN Happy Days
HBO (Mon) Movie "Catch Me If You Can" (Thu) "Dances With Wolves"
HBO (Tue) Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed: HBO First Look
TMC (Tue) Movie "Wish You Were Here" (Fri) "The Census Taker"
8:45 a.m. HBO (Tue) Movie "A Walk to Remember"
9:00 a.m. 4-CBS Martha Stewart Living
38-WB 25-FOX Judge Hatchett
8-FOX Living It Up! With All & Jack
25-ABC The Sharon Osbourne Show
19-PBS Teletubbies
54-UPN Sabrina, the Teenage Witch
13-ABC Live With Regis and Kelly
CNN CNN Live Today
DSC (Mon) Alaskan Wild (Tue) Body by Nature (Wed) Baboon Tales (Thu) Polar Bears — Shadows on the Ice (Fri) Cousins: First Primates
ESPN (Tue-Fri) SportsCenter
ESPN2 (Tue) Cold Pizza
FAM The 700 Club
HALL The Waltons
MTV MTV Hits
NICK Dora the Explorer
QVC (Mon) Pastel Sapphire (Tue) Coral Jewelry (Wed) Russian Diamonds (Thu) Savanna Ruby (Fri) Peridot Jewelry
TBS Dawson's Creek
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Tue-Wed, Fri) Baywatch (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT ER
TVLND I Love Lucy
USA (Mon) Movie "Dirty Dancing"
WGN Matlock
HBO (Wed) Movie "A Mighty Wind"
9:05 a.m. TMC (Wed) Movie "The Adventures of Sebastian Cole"
9:15 a.m. TMC (Thu) Movie "Winter Break"
9:30 a.m. 38-WB 25-FOX Judge Hatchett
19-PBS Jay Jay the Jet Plane
54-UPN Home Improvement
49-PAX (Wed) First King Solomon Baptist Church (Fri) Saintworthy
AMC (Fri) Movie "Modesty Blaise"
NICK Blue's Clues
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TVLND The Dick Van Dyke Show
USA (Wed) Movie "Sketch Artist II: Hands That See"
9:45 a.m. AMC (Mon) Movie "Tender Mercies"
HBO (Fri) Movie "Enchanted April"
10:00 a.m. 4-CBS The Price Is Right
38-WB Texas Justice
6-NBC The Ellen DeGeneres Show
8-FOX The Wayne Brady Show
26-ABC 13-ABC The View
19-PBS Zoboomafoo
54-UPN Roseanne
25-FOX Divorce Court
AMC (Wed) Bruce Lee: A Warrior's Journey
BRAV The West Wing
DSC Designer Guys
ESPN SportsCenter
ESPN2 (Mon, Wed-Fri) Billiards

FAM 7th Heaven
HALL Little House on the Prairie
MTV (Mon) Made (Tue) True Life (Wed) Choose or Lose: John Kerry Special (Thu) Real World (Fri) MTV Special
NICK Dora the Explorer
QVC (Mon) Slimming Secrets by Carol Wior (Tue) Denim & Co. (Wed) Snap It & Scrap It (Thu) Gardening Made Easy by Cottage Farms (Fri) Bob Mackie Wearable Art
TBS Dawson's Creek
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Tue-Wed, Fri) MacGyver (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT ER
TVLND Happy Days
USA (Tue) Movie "The Crew" (Thu) "Mr. Baseball"
WGN In the Heat of the Night
TMC (Mon) Movie "Heaven Can Wait" (Fri) "Back Roads"
10:05 a.m. TMC (Tue) Movie "Honeymoon in Vegas"
10:15 a.m. AMC (Thu) Movie "Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here"
10:30 a.m. 38-WB Texas Justice
19-PBS (Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri) Clifford the Big Red Dog (Wed) Clifford's Puppy Days
54-UPN Roseanne
25-FOX Crossing Over With John Edward
AMC (Tue) Movie "The Big Heat"
DSC Designer Guys
MTV (Wed) Real World — Road Rules Challenge (Thu) Real World
NICK Blue's Clues
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TVLND The Brady Bunch
HBO (Tue) A Boy's Life (Wed) Pandemic: Facing AIDS
11:00 a.m. 4-CBS The Young and the Restless
38-WB Blind Date
6-NBC Montel Williams
8-FOX Who Wants to Be a Millionaire
26-ABC Extra
19-PBS Caillou
54-UPN Ripley's Believe It or Not!
13-ABC News
BRAV The West Wing
CNN News From CNN
DSC Rally Round the House
ESPN (Tue) NHL Cool Shots (Wed-Fri) SportsCenter
ESPN2 (Mon, Wed-Fri) Billiards (Tue) 2003 ALCS: A Rivalry Renewed
FAM Full House
HALL Matlock
MTV (Mon) Made (Tue) True Life (Wed) Real World — Road Rules Challenge (Thu) The Real World (Fri) MTV Special
NICK (Mon-Thu) Little Bill (Fri) Nicktoons TV
QVC (Mon) Your Home Environment (Tue) Mom's Kitchen: Rococo Dispirito (Wed) In Home Care (Thu) Breezes Intimates Collection
TBN Praise-A-Thon
TBS (Mon-Thu) Saved by the Bell (Fri) Saved by the Bell: The College Years
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Tue-Wed, Fri) MacGyver (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT Judging Amy
TVLND Love Boat
USA (Mon) Movie "Never Been Kissed"
WGN Rockford Files
HBO (Mon) Real Sports
HBO (Wed) Movie "Life or Something Like It"
TMC (Wed) Movie "Orange County" (Thu) "Deceivers"
11:30 a.m. 38-WB The 5th Wheel
8-FOX Who Wants to Be a Millionaire
26-ABC Celebrity Justice
19-PBS Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
54-UPN Ripley's Believe It or Not!
13-ABC Shop South Mississippi
ESPN (Mon) 2003 World's Strongest Man Competition (Tue) NBA Inside Stuff
ESPN2 (Wed) NBA Inside Stuff
FAM Growing Pains
MTV (Wed) Real World — Road Rules Challenge (Thu) The Real World (Fri) Choose or Lose: John Kerry Special
NICK (Mon-Thu) Maggie and the Ferocious Beast (Fri) Nicktoons TV
TBS (Mon-Thu) Saved by the Bell (Fri) Saved by the Bell: The College Years
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
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25-FOX Divorce Court
AMC (Wed) Bruce Lee: A Warrior's Journey
BRAV The West Wing
DSC Designer Guys
ESPN SportsCenter
ESPN2 (Mon, Wed-Fri) Billiards

TMC (Mon) Movie "Harlan County War" (Tue) "Die Another Day"

Afternoon

12:00 p.m. 4-CBS WGN News
38-WB Blind Date
6-NBC Starting Over
8-FOX The People's Court
26-ABC 13-ABC All My Children
19-PBS Sesame Street
54-UPN Ricki Lake
AMC (Wed) Movie "The Hindenburg" (Fri) "The Appaloosa"
BRAV Columbo
CNN Live From...
DSC Surprise by Design
ESPN (Mon, Thu) ATP Tennis (Tue) WTA Tennis (Wed) Tennis (Fri) Gonzalez Basketball: The Season Weekly
ESPN2 (Mon) Billiards (Tue, Thu) MLB Preseason Baseball (Wed) Wire to Wire (Fri) ATP Tennis
FAM Family Matters
HALL Matlock
MTV (Mon) Made (Tue) True Life (Wed) Real World — Road Rules Challenge (Thu) The Real World (Fri) I Want a Famous Face
NICK (Mon-Thu) Max & Ruby (Fri) Nicktoons TV
QVC (Mon) Ring Showcase (Tue) Best Foot Forward (Wed) Le Mirador Skin Care (Thu) QVC Sampler (Fri) Kitchen Ideas
TBS Cosby
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Tue-Wed, Fri) 7 Days (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT Law & Order
TVLND MacGyver
USA (Tue, Thu) JAG (Fri) Nashville Star
HBO (Mon) Movie "A Beautiful Mind" (Tue) "What a Girl Wants"
12:15 p.m. AMC (Thu) Movie "Rio Conchos"
12:30 p.m. 4-CBS The Bold and the Beautiful
38-WB Extreme Dating
AMC (Tue) Movie "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre"
ESPN (Fri) Gonzaga Basketball: The Season Weekly
ESPN2 (Mon) College Swimming (Wed) Soccer
FAM Family Matters
MTV (Wed) MTV Special (Thu) Making the Band II (Fri) Made
NICK (Mon-Thu) Dora the Explorer (Fri) Nicktoons TV
TBS The Cosby Show
TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TVLND Bonanza
USA (Tue) Movie "Loser"
WGN Street Smarts
HBO (Thu) Movie "Anaconda"
TMC (Tue) Movie "Morons From Outer Space"
2:15 p.m. AMC (Mon) Movie "Prizzi's Honor"
HBO (Tue) Movie "Mrs. Doubtfire"
TMC (Wed) Movie "Ice"
2:25 p.m. TMC (Thu) Movie "Breaking In"
2:30 p.m. 38-WB (Mon-Tue) Sabrina's Secret Life (Wed-Thu) Archie's Weird Mysteries (Fri) The Littlest
8-FOX Divorce Court
19-PBS Between the Lions
54-UPN Just Shoot Me
25-FOX Judge Joe Brown
AMC (Tue) Movie "Three Days of the Condor" (Thu) "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral"
BRAV (Wed) Significant Others
CNN Inside Politics
FAM Full House
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USA (Mon) Movie "Notting Hill"
WGN The Cosby Show
HBO (Thu) The Curse of the Bambino
TMC (Mon) Movie "Mean Machine" (Tue) "Married to the Mob" (Fri) "The Census Taker"
4:00 p.m. 4-CBS Inside Edition
38-WB Pok閙on
6-NBC Judge Judy
8-FOX Dr. Phil
26-ABC Jerry Springer
19-PBS Reading Rainbow
54-UPN The King of Queens
13-ABC The 4 O'Clock Show
25-FOX The Steve Harvey Show
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FAM Switched!
HALL M'A'S'H
MTV (Mon-Thu) TRL (Fri) Making the Band II
NICK SpongeBob SquarePants
QVC (Mon) Exotic Gemstone Jewelry (Wed) Easy Solutions (Thu) cook's essentials (Fri) Kelko 14K Gold Designs
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TNN (Mon-Wed, Fri) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TNT Angel
TVLND Green Acres
USA (Tue-Wed) Walker, Ranger
WGN The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
HBO (Mon) Movie "Spy Hard"
TMC (Wed) Movie "Toys in the Attic" (Thu) "The Night Before"
4:30 p.m. 4-CBS Jeopardy!
38-WB Yu-Gi-Oh!
6-NBC Judge Judy
19-PBS Zoom
54-UPN That '70s Show
13-ABC Inside Edition
25-FOX The Steve Harvey Show
AMC (Wed) Movie "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (Fri) "Morituri"
ESPN Pardon the Interruption
FAM (Mon-Thu) Knock First (Fri) Switched UP!
HALL M'A'S'H
MTV (Fri) Making the Band II
NICK The Amanda Show
TBS Home Improvement
TNN (Mon-Wed, Fri) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
TVLND Green Acres
WGN The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
HBO (Tue) Movie "Doc Holliday" (Wed) "A Mighty Wind" (Thu) "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken"
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TNN (Mon) Real TV (Thu) Most Extreme Elimination
USA (Mon) Movie "Bring It On" (Wed) "Meet the Parents"
1:35 p.m. TMC (Mon) Movie "Bullets Over Broadway"
1:45 p.m. HBO (Tue) Tracey Takes On...
2:00 p.m. 4-CBS Guiding Light
6-NBC Passions
8-FOX Divorce Court
26-ABC 13-ABC General Hospital
19-PBS Arthur
54-UPN The Drew Carey Show
25-FOX Judge Joe Brown
49-PAX (Wed) Miracle Pets II
AMC (Fri) Movie "Hud"
BRAV (Thu) Movie "Quest for Fire"
DSC Rally Round the House
ESPN (Fri) College Basketball: The Season Weekly
ESPN2 (Mon) MLB Preseason Baseball (Fri) LPGA Golf
FAM (Mon, Wed, Fri) So Little Time (Tue, Thu) Two of a Kind
HALL Perry Mason
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All My Children

Spurred by a call from Babe, Paul arrived at the cabin and helped Babe deliver her baby boy. Paul then staged a helicopter crash and said that Bianca's child died in the accident. A suspicious Tad immediately accused Paul of lying. Meanwhile, with Babe unaware of her child's sex as her own health deteriorated, Paul gave Babe's boy to his sister, Kelly, and claimed that Miranda is Babe's daughter. Jamie snuck into Babe's hospital room after learning the seriousness of her condition. Kendall blamed Erica for Bianca's predicament. Erica prayed to God, promising to do whatever it takes to make things right for Bianca. Maria tried to accept Edmund's decision to proceed with the risky surgery. Coming: Tad sees Krystal in a different light.

As the World Turns

As Craig, Carly and Lucy unsuccessfully tried to find Rosanna in St. Bart's, she resurfaced in Oakdale at the Lakeview Lounge. Lily tried to explain to Holden why she needs to keep working with the Rose Foundation and asked for his help with the fund-raiser. Walker offered to take Barbara out of town to keep her medical appointments a secret. As Katie escalated her efforts to learn about Pilar's motives, Pilar began to suspect her of snooping, and Henry warned Katie that her actions are pushing Mike and Pilar closer. Coming: Allison and Chris try to get back on track.

Bold and Beautiful

Ridge was stunned to learn that Nick proposed to Brooke, and that Stephanie urged her to accept. Ridge burst into a Marone board meeting and yelled at Nick for his actions, but Nick

got the last word when he told Ridge he wants to give his son the same life that Ridge was able to give his own children. As Jackie remained fearful of the consequences of keeping quiet, she again rejected Deacon's appeal to come clean, worrying she'll lose Massimo and Nick - then broke down in Deacon's arms. Hector looked on as Caitlin and Thomas shared their first kiss. Coming: Ridge vows to fight for Brooke.

Days of Our Lives

Tom's spirit led Alice to his grave, where she found the note incriminating Marlena. Aware that Alice has the evidence, Marlena was about to kill her when Tom, Maggie, Caroline and Roman's ghosts scared her away. Alice then called John, saying that Marlena is the killer and was about to murder her. Patrick wanted to leave town when Jennifer suffered abdominal pain, and Lexie explained that Patrick's assistance might have helped Jennifer to save her baby. Questioned by Abby about a strange coin he dropped, Patrick said it once belonged to pirates. Jan told Nicole she planned to kill Belle that night, and as Belle bathed, it appeared as though Jan would carry it out. Coming: John's world is deeply shaken by the revelations about Marlena.

General Hospital

To protect Nikolas' life, Emily agreed to make love to Zander, but he was unable to take advantage of her. When the police arrived, Zander pretended to reach for a gun and was shot, dying in Emily's arms. Meanwhile, an amnesiac Nikolas found himself in a widow's home, as Mary told Nikolas that she is his wife. The assassin met with Alcazar, who was responsible for the car bomb, and demanded more money from him. Morgan had a crisis when he came down with scarlet fever, but as the child

Soap Synopsis

Improved, Carly made a vow to reunite her family. Still being pressured by Tracy and Edward for his vote, Dillon confided in Georgie, who admitted that she lied to him. Coming: Sonny learns Sam's true feelings about him.

Guiding Light

When Olivia found Phillip's pills hidden under his mattress, she was torn between getting him the help he needs or letting him deteriorate so he'll remain at Ravenwood and under her control. Alan told Alex he thinks they should give Olivia some power until it's time to toss her out of Spaulding. Bill proposed to Eden, who accepted, but she wants to keep their engagement a secret for now to protect him from Salem. After learning how Carrie got a student to tell the newspapers about Jeffrey and Marah's relationship, Reva made ground with Doris until Doris produced a bullet found in Carrie's cloak. Coming: Lizzie tries to uncover Sam's secret.

One Life to Live

Paul gave Kelly a baby boy, claiming the mother didn't want him. Although uneasy, Kelly took the child, as Dorian called Kevin and told him Kelly had the baby and is in the hospital. Although Antonio and John believed that Stephen could have staged his own death to frame John, when incriminating evidence came to light, Bo had to charge John with murder. Blair spoke to Evangeline and realized that it's possible Todd didn't rape her. Coming: Star's behavior problems lead her into danger.

Passions

Having lost custody of her son for a year, Theresa attacked Gwen after hearing her suggest to her husband that they adopt Little Ethan. The judge then terminated Theresa's parental



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from Damon, Phyllis asked Nick for her job back, but was turned down, then was ordered by Danny to back off from pressuring him for a meeting with Daniel. Kay, Jill and Arthur agreed to do their best to make their new living arrangement work. As Ashley watched the video that revealed that Victor is Abby's father, she was unaware that Abby was just outside the door. Sharon took too many sedatives and was haunted by visions of Cameron, making her desperate to see his body for herself. Coming: Brittany weighs the advice she received.

TV Jumble

TV JUMBLE™

3-28-2004

by David L. Hoyt

Use the clues to help unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four words.

CHAWT
Clue: View

EOKRISO
Clue: The (TV show)

CEPOTRJ
Clue: Venture

FRBARDDO
Clue: TV family, 1977-81



Bonus Clue: This show's original title was "Another Ballgame," but it was changed, causing a rift between some of its stars and ABC.

Then arrange the circled letters to form the bonus answer, as suggested by the above cartoon and bonus clue.

Bonus

Answers to 3/21/2004 Jumbles: AGAIN ROPERS SPOOKY MARSHAL
Bonus: This TV show, which aired for almost 10 years, shared its name with its lead character.

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Christel Khalil

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Christel Khalil loves to pony up

By Paulette Cohn
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Even though Christel Khalil (Lily Winters) of "The Young & the Restless" claims not to like school, she does enjoy learning. The 16-year-old Daytime Emmy nominee is counting on her acting career to provide her with innumerable experiences.

"With a movie, you can travel to locations and learn about the character. But in TV, you don't have much time," she says. One can tell the young actress is thinking of Charlize Theron's performance in "Monster" when she adds, "But if you're playing a serial killer, you get to go to a jail and talk to a killer and ask, 'What is going on in your mind?' That is the kind of homework that I think is fun."

Her studio teacher might not agree. However, Khalil, who normally is homeschooled, spends three hours a day of class time on the set. "I love the teachers, they are awesome. But after you have been doing emotional scenes for two hours, it is hard to go and do three hours of Algebra 2," she explains.

One educational institution that Khalil doesn't mind attending is pony class. "I just like riding for fun, because the competitive part of it gets too much because of the clothes that you have to buy and

the saddles, and the girls are very pretentious," she says. "My dream is to do a movie where I can ride a horse. It would put my two loves together."

Dear Paulette: On "General Hospital," I really don't understand Sonny's (Maurice Benard) business. They keep saying he doesn't deal in drugs and how he won't let anyone else do it, but he is always monitoring shipments that make it sound like it isn't just coffee that he is actually dealing in. What gives? Can you give me the real scoop? ~Jan from Louisiana.

Dear Reader: You aren't alone! No one - except maybe the writers - actually knows what Sonny is up to. He has these "transport" networks that ship a variety of what are most likely illegal goods, but never drugs. This is because a while back, he had a protege named Stone, who died of drug-related AIDS.

Send questions of general interest to Paulette Cohn, Soap Talk, Zap2it, 333 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, or e-mail to soaptalk@tribune.com. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.



Monday Best Bets

7 p.m. on 38-WB

7th Heaven.

Martin (Tyler Hoechlin) gets a shot at playing professional baseball, and worries Eric (Stephen Collins) by planning to drop out of school, in "Major League." Desperate to attend a party with Peter (Scotty Leavenworth), Ruthie (Mackenzie Rosman) recruits Lucy (Beverley Mitchell) to help sway Annie (Catherine Hicks). Chandler (Jeremy London) is visited by his mother (guest star Concetta Tomei, "Providence").

7 p.m. on FAM

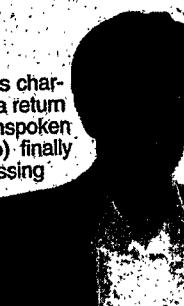
Movie: The Sandlot

Scotty Smalls (Tom Guiry) desperately wants to fit in with the other boys in his new neighborhood, but one thing stands in his way: They all play baseball, and he knows nothing about the sport. When the local star player (Mike Vitar) takes Scotty under his wing, Scotty learns the game and builds valuable friendships. This 1993 heart-warming story also stars Patrick Renna and Marty York.

8 p.m. on 38-WB

Everwood

Despite the death of his series character, Colin, Mike Erwin makes a return appearance in the role in "Unspoken Truths." Amy (Emily VanCamp) finally comes to terms with Colin's passing at a party she attends with Tommy (guest star Paul Wasilewski). Ephram (Gregory Smith) gets in trouble while watching Madi- son's (Sarah Lancaster) band perform at a bar. Nina (Stephanie Niznik) receives



exclusive Hollywood party. Jamie-Lynn DiScala ("The Sopranos") portrays the doctor's-daughter-turned-call-girl in this new dramatization of Heidi Fleiss' story. Brenda Fricker ("Veronica Guerin") plays the madam who teaches Heidi the ropes of the upscale escort business, which the younger woman eventually takes over.

9 p.m. on 4-
CBS

CST: Miami

Horatio (David Caruso) is suspicious of an ambitious reporter's (guest star Peter Spears) account of a politically connected friend's murder in Miami's drug district in the new episode "Deadline."

David Caruso

7 p.m. on 8-FOX on 25-FOX

The Bernie Mac Show

Bryana (Dee Dee Davis) exhibits a big personality change that worries Bernie and Wanda (Bernie Mac, Kelita Smith) in the new episode "Five Stages of Bryana." When the for-

merly sweet-natured girl starts acting like a bully, a child therapist (guest star Simbi Khali Williams, "3rd Rock From the Sun") weighs in with an assessment of the possible reasons. A literal guinea pig factors into the solution.

MONDAY EVENING / MARCH 29

Tuesday Best Bets

7 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC

8 Simple Rules

In the opener of a new two-part tale, "Let's Keep Going," Bridget and Kerry (Kaley Cuoco, Amy Davidson) are on their way to their grandmother's house when they spot Cate (Katey Sagal) at their dad's favorite watering hole with a stranger. Back home, Rory (Martin Spanjers) takes an interest in one of Kerry's friends (Nicole Mansour), much to Kerry's delight. James Garner also stars.

7 p.m. on 6-NBC

Whoopi

Mavis (Whoopi Goldberg) challenges an elderly tenant in the new episode "The Squatter." Annoyed at the woman's eccentric behavior, Mavis manages to get her placed in a retirement home. But the home is as horrible as the apartment's new, partying tenant (guest star Krysten Ritter).

7 p.m. and AMC
Movie: *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*

After the success of George Lucas' "Star Wars," William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and the rest of the "Star Trek" series regulars reunited for this 1979 big-screen blockbuster. With an alien force detected on its way to Earth, Adm. Kirk (Shatner) calls on the Enterprise crew to intercept the enemy.

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anticipate the results of his comments to a writer about being Alex's (Teri Polo) boyfriend. In the new episode "Eight Simple Rules for Dating a Celebrity," when his remarks end up as tabloid gossip, he's berated by Cheri (Rhea Seehorn) — which shocks him into fearing that everyone around him is a journalistic spy just waiting for his next words on Alex.

8 p.m. on 8-FOX on 25-FOX

The series returns with "Day 3: 4:00AM—5:00AM," starting an uninterrupted string of nine new episodes that will lead up to the season finale. As CTU seals off a Los Angeles hotel where one of the virus vials has been stashed, Jack (Kiefer Sutherland) tries to determine the identity of Amador's (guest star Greg Ellis) boss.

8 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC

According to Jim

Andy's (Larry Joe Campbell) tune about a wealthy client (guest star Nana Visitor, "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine") changes considerably in the new episode "Who's the Boss?" He detests the woman at first, then becomes her new boyfriend — to the astonishment of Jim, Cheryl and Dana (Jim Belushi, Courtney Thorne-Smith, Kimberly Williams-Paisley), who don't believe the new romance will last.

8 p.m. on 6-NBC

Fraser

Frasier and Niles (Kelsey Grammer, David Hyde Pierce) seek professional help with personal matters in the new episode "Match Game." Frasier hires a matchmaker (guest star Laura Linney) to fix him up with some interesting women, but the resulting dates are disappointing, and he wants his money back. Niles and Daphne (Jane Leeves) enlist a different kind of assistance with the birth of their child.

8:30 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC

It's All Relative

Bobby's (Reid Scott) bachelor party is a camping excursion that keeps Mace (Lenny Clarke) at odds with Philip and Simon (John Benjamin Hickey, Christopher Sieber) in the new episode "Who's Camping Now?" An attractive park ranger (guest star Brooke Burke) helps turn the tables. Liz (Maggie Lawson) also has an eventful bachelorette party, especially since pole dancing is involved.

9 p.m. on 26-ABC

NYPD Blue

The shooting of an off-duty police man (guest star Scott William Winters) yields little sympathy from Sipowicz (Dennis Franz), who has doubts about the cop's ethics, in the new episode "On the Fence." A rundown hotel is the site of an elderly man's murder. Lana Parrilla ("Boomer Town") guest stars.

TUESDAY EVENING / MARCH 30

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38-WB 10	10	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (1)	The Cosby Show "Surf's Up"	The Simpsons (1) (2)	The Simpsons (1) (2)	Gilmore Girls (1) (2)	High School Reunion (1) (2)	Everybody Loves Raymond (2)	Friends (1) (2)	College Baseball Louisiana State at New Orleans. (Same-day Tape)							Celebrity Justice (N)	Paid Program						
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8-FOX 8	8	News (2)	News	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud	American Idol (ITV) Finalists compete. (1) (Live) (2)	24 "Day 3: 4:00AM - 5:00AM" (N) (1) (2)	News (2)	Seinfeld (1) (Part 1 of 2) (2)	Frasier "Big Crane on Campus"	Becker "Drive, They Said" (2)	Seinfeld "The Doll" (1) (2)	Frasier "Cranes Go Caribbean"	Becker (1)	Eliminate Boy crazy (N) (2)	Eliminate (2)								
26-ABC 9	11	News	ABC World News Tonight (2)	News	Friends (1) (2)	8 Simple Rules Cate is seen with a stranger. (N) (1) (2)	I'm With Her (1) (2)	According to Jim Andy dates a client. (N) (1) (2)	It's All Relative The guys go camping. (1) (2)	NYPD Blue "On the Fence" Sipowicz believes that an off-duty cop who got shot is corrupt. (N) (1) (2)	News (1) (2)	(10:35) Nightline (1) (2)	(11:06) Everybody Loves Raymond (2)	(11:35) Will & Grace (1) (Part 1 of 2) (2)	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (1) (2)	(1:05) Extra (N) (1) (2)	(1:35) News							
19-PBS 13	13	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (2)	Farmweek	Nova Footage from filmmakers who chased twisters across the Midwest.	New Americans A Mexican meatpacker living in Kansas returns home to visit his family. (N) (1) (2)	Tavis Smiley H. Lee Scott. (1)	Going to School	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (2)	Instructional Programming														
54-UPN 3	7	Good Times "Florida's Big Gig"	Sanford and Son "Love Is a Royal Pain"	The Parkers The Steve Harvey Show (2)	One on One All of Us (1) (2)	Rock Me Baby (N) (1) (2)	Rock Me Baby (N) (1) (2)	Family Matters Waldo lands in jail. (1) (2)	Family Matters "Paris Vacation"	The Steve Harvey Show (2)	Good Times	Sanford and Son Amen "The Honeymoon"	Dharma & Greg (1) (2)	Spin City "Airplane!" (1) (2)	King of the Hill "Dang Ol' Love"									
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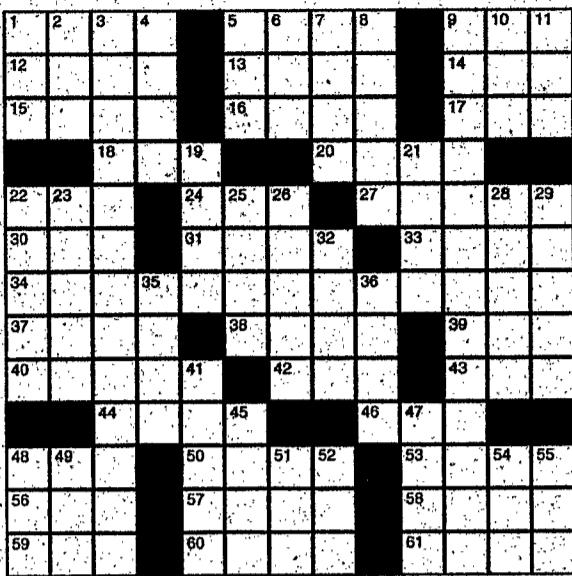
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Max Gail on "Barney Miller"
5. Nick Adams on "The Rebel"
9. L.A. surmiser clock setting
12. Arkin or Sandler
13. Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
14. Title for a British M.P.
15. "_____. The Warrior Princess"
16. "Rich Man, ____ Man"
17. Craving
18. Sea eagle
20. Playwright/actor Coward
22. Ending for peace or no-good
24. Proof-of-age cards
27. "America's Most Wanted" host
30. Neighbor of Miss...
31. Thurmond of basketball
33. Actress Moreno
34. Former bandleader on "The Tonight Show"
37. Cerusico of "My Friend Tony"

38. Estrada of "CHIPS" 4. Poet Khayyam
39. Bear's lair 5. Puppy bark
40. "___ of the Jungle" 6. Tognazzi of "La Cage aux Folles"
42. Wind dir. 7. Andy Williams song, "___ River"
43. Nancy Walker on "Rhoda" 8. Ansara series, "Broken ___"
44. "Beneath the Planet of the ___" 9. "The Going Show" panelist
45. Sketch comedy show's letters 10. Anonymous John
48. Knight's title 11. Station from Tenn.
50. Deyers or Parent 19. "Star Trek: Deep Space ___"
53. "Paper Lion" star Alan 21. Quiz show, "___ Your Vacation"
56. Arden of "Our Miss Brooks" 22. Consumer advocate Ralph
57. Eric of Monty Python 23. Entertainer Massey
58. "Empty ___" 25. Foley or Letterman
59. Tongue-clicking sound 26. Shock jock Howard
60. Actress Jennifer 28. Macnee on "The Avengers"
61. Johnson of "Laugh-In" 29. Barbera's partner in cartoons

DOWN

1. Increase gradually
2. Poetic piece
3. "Malcolm in the Middle" co-star
4. Moran of "Happy Days"
5. Robert Mandan sitcom
6. Turner and Clanton
7. Toomey or Philbin

45. "Family" star Thompson
47. Anna Sten movie
48. TV soundstage
49. Feeding tubes, briefly
51. "Never Fall in Love Again"
52. Beatles movie, "It Be"
54. Summer hrs.
55. Had lunch

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5 p.m. on 4-CBS

College Basketball

Everything is big in Texas, making the Lone Star State a perfect destination for college basketball's Final Four. The Alamodome in San Antonio is the site as the madness of March spills into April for five hours of frenzied semifinal action. The familiar voices of Jim Nantz and Billy Packer call the two games that will set the stage for Monday's championship clash.

5 p.m. on TNN

Movie: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure

Slacker dudes Bill and Ted (Alex Winter, Keanu Reeves) have a lot riding on their final history report. For one thing, if Ted flunks history, he's off to military school in Alaska. But thanks to a mysterious stranger and a time machine, the boys deliver a presentation that knocks everyone's socks off, complete with actual historical figures from Socrates to Sigmund Freud. George Carlin also stars in this 1989 comedy classic.

6 p.m. on TBS

Movie: Life

Previously teamed in "Boomerang," Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence get to share much more screen time in this 1999 comedy, which has surprisingly bitter-sweet moments. The stars play men wrongly sentenced to a Mississippi penitentiary. Over their years in the facility, they learn many life lessons. As their characters age, the actors sport makeup by Oscar nominee Rick Baker.

7 p.m. on 26-ABC on 13-ABC

Movie: The Emperor's New Groove

Hardly the traditional sort of Disney fantasy, this animated 2000 comedy movie focuses on a young monarch (voiced by David Spade) who makes the mistake of angering one of his aides (Earthka Kitti). She uses her magic to turn him into a llama, and he must rely on a peasant (John Goodman) to help him return to his normal life.

7 p.m. on 6-NBC

Movie: The Thomas Crown Affair

Pierce Brosnan steps into the shoes of Steve McQueen in this 1999 remake of the 1968 caper classic. In the original, bored millionaire Crown tried bank robbery for a new kick. This time, Crown is still rich, still bored, but his new hobby is art theft—specifically, relieving a museum of a \$100 million painting in broad daylight. Rene Russo plays an insurance investigator fighting her attraction to the dashing Crown.

7 p.m. on BRAV

Movie: Twins

Julius (Arnold Schwarzenegger), a genetically engineered perfect human specimen, learns he has a less-than-identical twin brother (Danny DeVito) in this sweet 1988 comedy. The two find each other and go looking for their roots—specifically, their mom. Along the way, they discover brotherly love, as well as that of the romantic variety with a pair of sisters. Kelly Preston and Chloe Webb co-star.

7 p.m. on NICK

Nickelodeon's 17th Annual Kids' Choice Awards

Soon to be heard reprising their voice roles in the movie sequel to "Shrek," Cameron Diaz and Mike Myers—who have attended this event before as recipients—share the hosting duties for this year's edition. Diaz seemed pretty stunned the last time by the amount of noise that hundreds upon hundreds of youngsters can generate. She'd better be ready this time, as kids' favorites in areas ranging from television to sports again are revealed.

7 p.m. on TNT

Movie: Jerry Maguire

Tom Cruise stars as a high-powered sports agent who has a crisis of conscience in this 1996 Oscar nominee for best picture. After losing his job for speaking his mind, he decides to start his own business with the help of an attractive co-worker, played by Renee Zellweger. Cuba Gooding Jr.'s inspired performance won him the best supporting actor Oscar. Bonnie Hunt, Regina King and Jay Mohr also star.

7 p.m. on HBO

Movie: Identity

A fierce rainstorm strands a group of strangers at an isolated motel in this effective, "Ten Little Indians"-style 2003 thriller. Though they don't think they have much in common initially, the increasingly terrified people realize something specific has brought them together as a killer stalks them. The cast includes John Cusack, Ray Liotta, Amanda Peet, Alfred Molina, Rebecca De Mornay and John C. McGinley.

9 p.m. on USA

Nashville Star

In the same spirit that has led music superstars to "American Idol" when their songs are rendered by the contestants, country icon Willie Nelson is on hand as the six remaining contenders perform some of his most famous tunes in this new episode. Don't be surprised if Nelson breaks into a melody during the course of the program.

SATURDAY EVENING / APRIL 3

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4-CBS	4			■ College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Semifinal—Teams to Be Announced. From San Antonio. (Live) [ED]		■ College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Second Semifinal—Teams to Be Announced. From San Antonio. (Live) [ED]								News [ED]	(10:35) Powerball—	(11:05) Providence Syd's malpractice trial begins: Joanie considers enrolling in college. [ED]	(12:05) Hot Ticket [ED]	(12:35) Smooth Jazz	(1:05) Access Hollywood (N) [ED]			
38-WB	10	Andromeda	Dylan and crew enter the Route of Ages. [ED]	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air [ED]	Martin "Credit Card Blues"	★★ Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story (1993, Biography) Jason Scott Lee, Lauren Holly, Robert Wagner. Based on the life and career of the martial arts star. 'PG-13'								Eye for an Eye [ED]	Showtime at the Apollo	Weekend Vibe			It's Showtime at the Apollo Music: Maxwell ("Sumthin' Sumthin").	1 Cubed	Paid Program	
6-NBC	6	News [ED]	NBC Nightly News [ED]	Entertainment Tonight [ED]	★★ The Thomas Crown Affair (1999, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary. An art thief steals an insurance investigator's heart. [R] (DVS)									Law & Order [ED]	News [ED]	Saturday Night Live Donald Trump. (N) [ED]	(12:01) Cheaters Married man; follow-up. [ED]	(1:01) She Spies "White Chollina" The women to bring in an assassin. [ED]				
8-FOX	8	* Celtic Pride (1996, Comedy) Damon Wayans, Daniel Stern, Dan Aykroyd. Two basketball fanatics kidnap a rival team's star player. 'PG-13'		Cops "Coast to Coast"	Cops "Coast to Coast"	Cops "Rescues Special Edition"	Cops "Hostage Incident" [ED]							News [ED]	ER "Foreign Affairs" [ED]	Mad TV Kathy Griffin. [ED]	The West Wing "H. Con-172" [ED]	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
26-ABC	11	News	ABC World News	Will & Grace "Fear and Clothing"	Everybody Loves Raymond [ED]	★★ The Emperor's New Groove (2000, Comedy) Voices of David Spade, John Goodman, Eartha Kitt. Animated. A smarmy emperor is transformed into a llama. [G] (DVS)								America's Funniest Home Videos Tom's Home Movies; Thought Bubble Theater. [ED]	News	(10:35) Extra (N) [ED]	(11:35) ** Striptease (1996, Comedy-Drama) Demi Moore, Armand Assante, Ving Rhames. A Miami mother becomes a stripper to raise some quick cash. 'NR'	Celebrity Justice (N)				
19-PBS	13	MotorWeek (N) [ED]	■ Mississippi Outdoors	This Old House [ED]	This Old House [ED]	The Lawrence Welk Show "Songs of the Sun and the Moon" (N)	Keeping Up As Time Goes By	The Red Green Show	Two's Company	Austin City Limits "Alison Krauss & Union Station/The Flatlanders" [ED]	Mountain Stage [ED]	MHZ Presents "Kim Richey" [ED]	The Red Green Show	Austin City Limits "Alison Krauss & Union Station/The Flatlanders" [ED]								
54-UPN	7	(4) ** Down Periscope (1996) Kelsey Grammer, Lauren Holly. 'PG-13'	The Parkers	The Parkers	"Scary Kim"	★★ Best Men (1998, Comedy-Drama) Dean Calkin, Andy Dick, Sean Patrick Flanery. Friends stop to rob a bank on their way to a wedding. 'R'		Amen "Pilot"	Amen "Frye for the Defense"	Unexplained Mysteries Alien abductions. [ED]	Walker, Texas Ranger "Point After" [ED]	Maximum Exposure "Critter 911"										
13-ABC	9	ABC News	ABC News	News	Fortune	★★ The Emperor's New Groove (2000) [G]	Funnies Home Videos	News	Edition	The Practice [ED]	Hometime	Unexplained Mysteries	News									
25-FOX	3	(4) ★★ Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story	The Parkers	Cops [ED]	Cops [ED]	Cops [ED]	Cops [ED]	'70s Show	Just Shoot	Mad TV Kathy Griffin. [ED]	Game Over	The Mullets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Blind Date	The X-Files						
49-PAX	19	Miracle Pets [ED]	Gaither Home	Dog Challenge	Haven't We Met Before? (2002) Nicollette Sheridan			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ETCtv										
AMC	31	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]	3 Stooges [ED]		
BRAV	18	- Queer Eye-Guy	Queer Eye-Guy	★★ Twins (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger	★★ Junior (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Premiere. 'PG-13'	★★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) Steve Martin, Michael Caine. A smooth-talking con artist and a grumpy old man team up to pull off a swindle. 'R'																
CNN	24	34 CNN-Live Saturday	The Capital Gang	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Saturday Night	
DSC	41	Double Agents [ED]	New Detectives-Forensic	Deadly Dentist [ED]			The FBI Files "Betrayed"	Deadly Dentist [ED]	Deadly Dentist [ED]													
ESPN	35	35 Horse Racing	Figure Skating: World Championships		Figure Skating: World Championships (Taped)			ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) [ED]	
ESPN2	36	36 LPGA Golf	■ NHL Hockey Atlanta Thrashers at Tampa Bay Lightning. [ED]	■ NHL	ONHRA Drag Racing: Qualifying			ONHRA Drag Racing: Qualifying		ONHRA Drag Racing: Qualifying												
FAM	47	This Time Around (2003) Brian A. Green. [ED]		★★ Lucky 7 (2003) Kimberly Williams-Paisley, 'PG-13'	★★ Picking Up and Dropping Off (2003) Scott Wolf, 'R'	★★ Picking Up and Dropping Off (2003) Scott Wolf, 'R'																
HALL	54	- Big Valley "Rimfire"	Bonanza	Bonanza "Meena"	Rawhide	Big Valley	Bonanza "Riot!"															
MTV	53	Made Basketball player, Real World	Real World	Real World	Band II	Band II	Real World	Real World	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride	Famous	Famous	John Kerry	MTV Spec	Room Rdr	Room Rdr	MTV Spec					
NICK	46	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	17th Annual Kids' Choice Awards	Danny	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
QVC	25	Citiknits	QVC Sampler	It Figures! Solutions Swimwear: 3rd Anniversary	Problem Solvers Oreck.	Around the House	Watches by Eccissi															
TBN	62	Praise-A-Thon		Praise-A-Thon																		
TBS	50	Home Improvement	Friends [ED]	★★ Life (1999) Eddie Murphy. Two wrongly convicted felons make the most of life in jail. 'R' [ED]	★★ Along Came a Spider (2001, Mystery) Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter, Michael Wincott. 'R' [ED]	★★ Along Came a Spider (2001, Mystery) Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter, Michael Wincott. 'R' [ED]																
TNN	42	42 ★★ Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) [ED]	Ride	Ride	Extreme	Extreme	■ WWE Velocity (N) [ED]	■ WWE Confidential (N) [ED]	Extreme	■ NCAAA	Real TV [ED]	Blind Date	Highlander [ED]									
TNT	39	39 ★★ Field of Dreams (1989) Kevin Costner. A voice urges a farmer to build a ballpark on his property.		★★ Jerry Maguire (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr., Renée Zellweger. ITV. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. 'R' [ED]	★★ Hardball (2001) Keanu Reeves. A gambler coaches a youth baseball team to work off a debt. [ED]	★★ Feeling Minnesota (1996) Keanu Reeves. A bride ditches her groom for his younger brother. 'R' [ED]																
TVLND	61	61 GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	GreenAcre	
USA	28	(4) Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss (2004) Victims Unit "Secrets"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Abuse" [ED]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Abuse" [ED]	Nashville Star "Songs of Willie Nelson" (N) [ED]	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Pravda" [ED]	Nashville Star "Songs of Willie Nelson" (N) [ED]	Law & Order: Criminal														

Video Vantage

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(Ratings for each film begin with a "star" rating: one star meaning "poor," four meaning "excellent" - followed by the Motion Picture Association of America rating, and then by a family viewing guide, the key for which appears below.)

STARTING THIS WEEK (New releases):

"SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE": In an Oscar-nominated performance, Diane Keaton has her best role in years by reteamming with writer-director Nancy Meyers ("Baby Boom," "Father of the Bride"). In this delightful romantic comedy, Keaton plays the playwright mother of the latest conquest (Amanda Peet) of a notorious womanizer (an enjoyably self-mocking Jack Nicholson). He falls for Mom, who also is being courted by a much younger doctor (Keanu Reeves). Frances McDormand and Jon Favreau co-star. DVD extras: theatrical trailer; audio commentary by Moranis and Thomas (as the characters Rutt and Tuke); "making-of" documentary; deleted scenes; outtakes; games; Phil Collins song; Phil Collins music video; "Sing-Along Songs." (G)

"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE": Three decades after the original chiller comes a remake, which has its own potency, even if it isn't likely to be as enduring. Jessica Biel stars as one of several acquaintances who fall prey to a sinister family led by "Leatherface" (Andrew Bryniarski), who has a yen for wearing unusually realistic masks. Those weak of stomach, be forewarned: the gore quotient is right at the top of the chart. DVD extras: theatrical trailers; "making-of" documentary; audio commentaries by director Marcus Nispel, producer Michael Bay and other crew members. (R: AS, P, V)

"HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG": Circumstance draws dissimilar people into a tense situation in this unusual, well-executed drama, featuring typically fine work by recent Oscar nominee Ben Kingsley. He plays an ex-confidant of the Shah of Iran who tries to start his life over in the United States, where he purchases a house seized from a woman (Jennifer Connelly) for her failure to pay a wrongly assessed tax. Determined to get her former residence back, she enlists a willing policeman (Ron Eldard) in a campaign against the new owner. DVD extras: audio commentary by Kingsley, director Vadim Perelman, novelist Andre Dubus III and crew members; "making-of" documentary; deleted scenes; outtakes; screen tests; photo gallery. (R: AS, P, V)

"NOVA: MARS DEAD OR ALIVE": First televised by PBS very shortly after the airbag-protected landing of a rover named Spirit on the red planet, this program includes a segment on how the touchdown went ... which will be recalled by anyone who saw news footage of the reaction in the control room. Also featured is a complete history of the NASA project, which was launched to determine whether water exists in liquid form on Mars, and whether life can be sustained there. Electronic and design problems that nearly ended the mission are detailed. (G)

"HANGMAN'S CURSE": Based on the novel by "Veritas Project" writer Frank Peretti, this suspense movie aims to retain the thrills while jettisoning elements that mark so many other films in the genre these days, particularly overt violence and foul language. A strange illness befalls students of a high school in the Pacific Northwest, prompting one pupil (Leighton Meester) and her parents (David Keith, Mel Harris) to try to get to the bottom of the situation. Co-stars include William R. Moses ("Falcon Crest") and Peretti. DVD extras: theatrical trailer; "making-of" documentaries. (PG-13: AS, V)

"COMING SOON (Upcoming releases):

"CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN" (April 6): Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt play the heads of a household that includes 12 children. Hilary Duff and Tom Welling ("Smallville") co-star. (PG: P)

"THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS" (April 6): In the climax of the science-fiction trilogy, Neo (Keanu Reeves) and his comrades defend their world against an invasion by machines. (R: AS, P, V)

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On TV

Eve raps way to stardom, own TV show and fashion line

By Jacqueline Cutler
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Eve, star of UPN's eponymous sitcom, is late. It's the sort of incredibly late that sends those waiting for her storming out of restaurants.

"There's East Coast time and West Coast time and colored people time and Eve time," says Jason George, who plays her boyfriend, J.T., on the show. "She is extra behind."

George, who worked with Eve in "Barbershop," took this job because of her. "Hugging on Eve is not a bad gig," he says. "She is a beautiful person. She is real people."

Despite the fortune Eve makes from three hip-hop compact discs, tours, movies, the show and her clothing line, *Fetish*, she keeps her stilettos firmly rooted on the ground. The heels are attached to turquoise suede boots, just one part of many outfits on a recent day that includes two local news show appearances, "The View," "TRL" and taking in an evening show during Fashion Week in New York.

At the moment, Eve is casual. Her jeans and baby-blue cashmere sweater are accented by the right amount of diamonds for someone lunching at the Ritz

Carlton. Eve, 25, orders green tea with honey and settles in to talk about her very busy life.

"I always knew I didn't want a regular life," she says. "I didn't want to grow up and have babies. I just never wanted that because I saw the women in my family, my grandmother, my mother, my aunt had children when young. I wanted something different."

She has it. On the show, Eve plays Shelly, who sells her original designs at her own boutique, *DivaStyle*, where she works with her two friends, Rita and Janie (Ali Landry, Natalie Desselle-Reid). The Monday sitcom, which chronicles Shelly's attempts to balance a career and boyfriend, has become the No. 2-rated show among blacks, after "Girlfriends," according to Nielsen Media Research.

Eve clearly is a star, evidenced by her ability to shine in the single-moniker league of Madonna and Cher. And she comes off as a star, with the trappings but without the airs. After all, it hasn't always been cashmere sweaters and lunch at the Ritz.

Eve Jeffers, aka Eve of Destruction and Pit Bull in a Skirt, grew up without much money but with a strong mom in west Philadelphia. She easily could have gone down the wrong path; at 18 she

spent a couple of months stripping at a Bronx club. Eve does not try to hide her past.

"For me, it was more of a figuring out my life," she says nonchalantly. "I saw enough to keep me away from it. And, as soon as I quit, three weeks after, I got a call to audition for Dre."

That's rapper/music producer Dr. Dre, and Eve was soon using her other talents. She has been rapping and touring for years, but she stumbled into acting. "It just happened," she says. "I started getting offers to be in movies. I was thinking, 'I am not an actress. What do they want?' I got an acting coach."

Whatever it is they wanted, she had it. Eve is in two films due this year, and on the TV show, she comes off as completely natural. "The first couple of months, it was very hard for me," she admits. "It was monotonous. I used to take different routes to work to break it up."

"I took the show because I wanted stability. I was on the road for 4 1/2 years. I wanted a couch."

Now, she says, "I have a couch! I have a home. It feels good." Besides her place in Los Angeles, she wants a house in Manhattan, but she's appalled by the prices. "For \$1.3 million, they need to

assign me a driver," she says of a Tribeca two-bedroom she saw. She is in the midst of selling her tony New Jersey house, where one room was used for shoes and another as a closet. "That's why I need a house," she says, smiling.

As for the joys of living simply, Eve says, "Why? You know what? You need it. One side of my closet looks like a teacher, one side looks like a rock star, one side like a beach bum."

With all these different looks, the one constant is Eve reveling in her femininity. "I'm so girly, it's disgusting," she says. She has a serious devotion to an expensive perfume, *Floret*, and adores jewels and high fashion.

Eve acknowledges that one of the biggest misconceptions people have about her is that she's gay. She mentions that her boyfriend also loves to shop. This beau, a businessman in Africa, whom she declines to name, has, she says, been with her "for one year and it feels like two months." They meet in other countries, and she has become a peripatetic traveler.

She cites Japan as her favorite country to visit because "of the energy," and Nigeria as one place she will not return to because of a riot at one of her concerts.



Eve, star of the Monday UPN series "Eve," says of her adopted hometown of Los Angeles, "If I weren't working, I wouldn't be in L.A. I like it to visit, but it's not a place to live."

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